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**#334 Bite! Bite! Bite!**





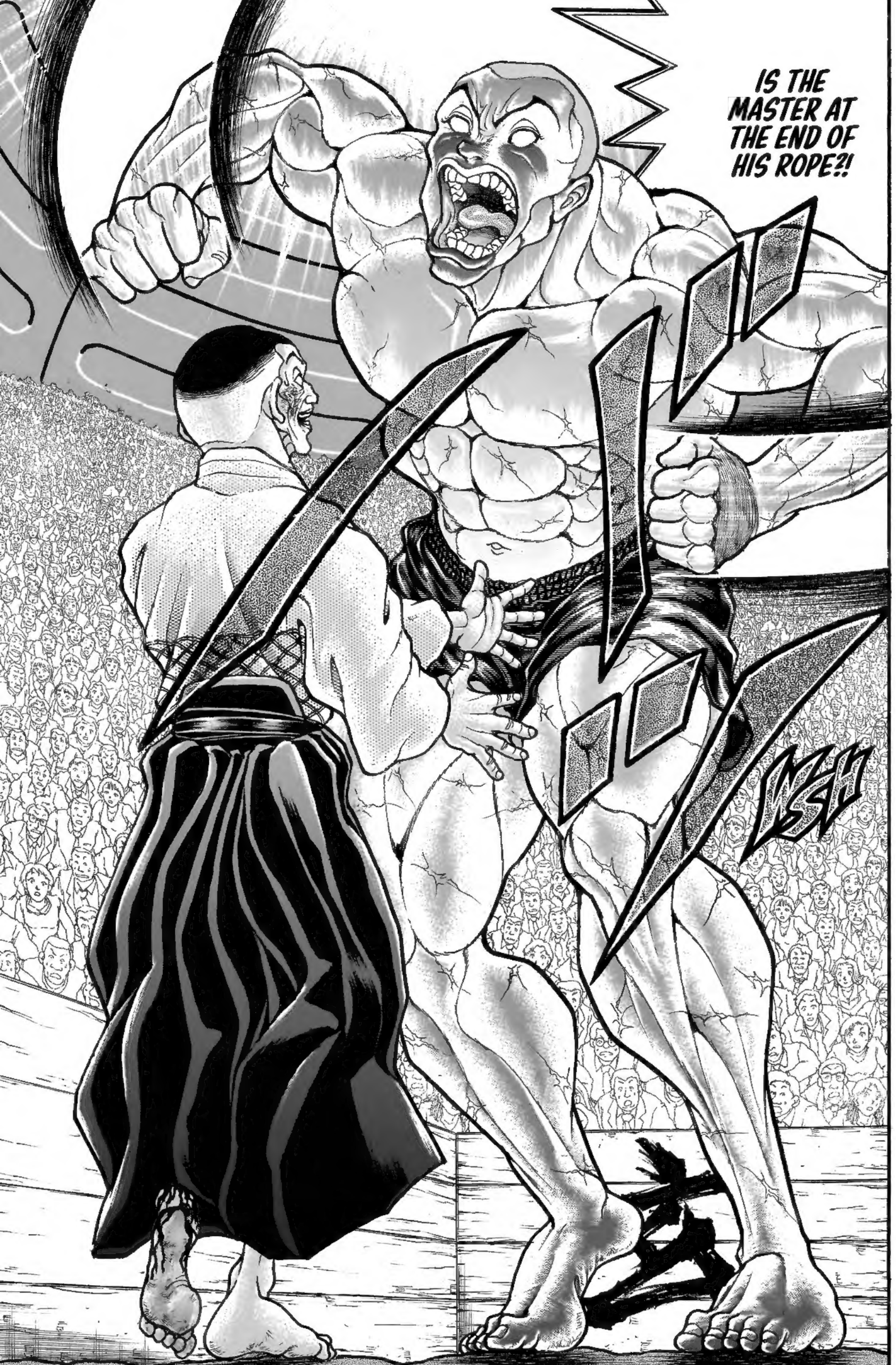
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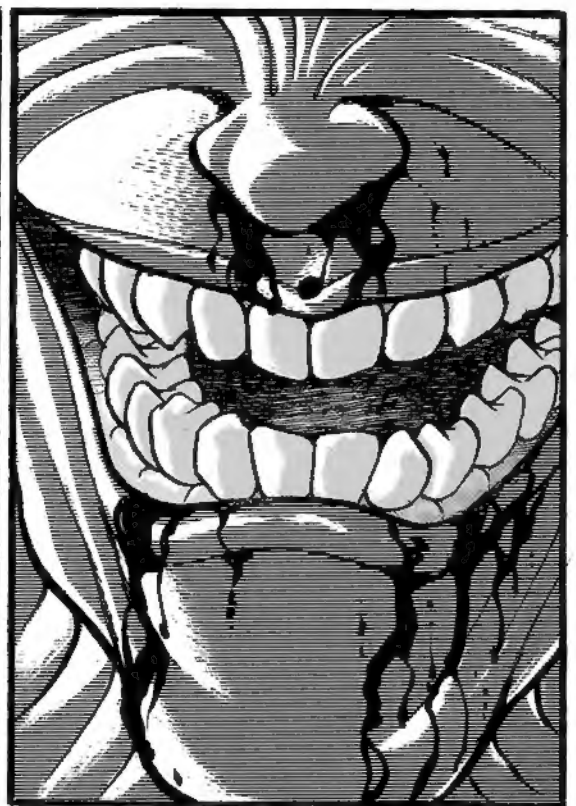
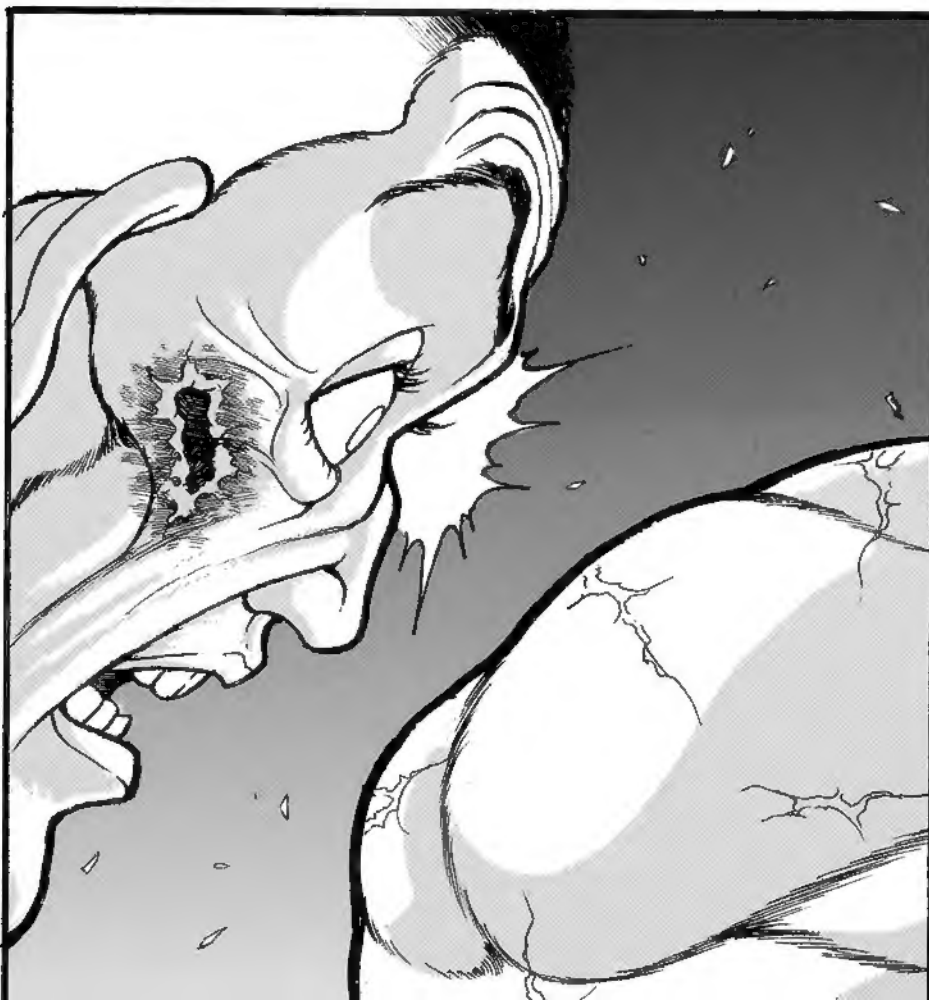




**IS THE  
MASTER AT  
THE END OF  
HIS ROPE?!**









**A  
HEAVEN-  
PIERCING  
KNEE  
STRIKE!!!**

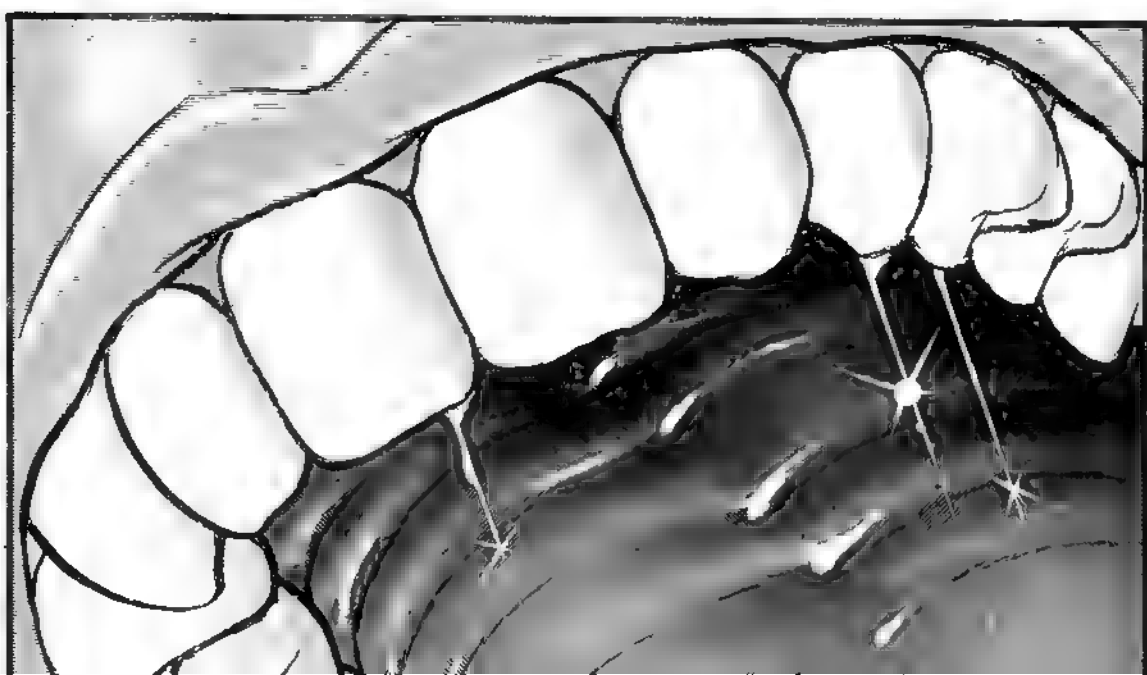
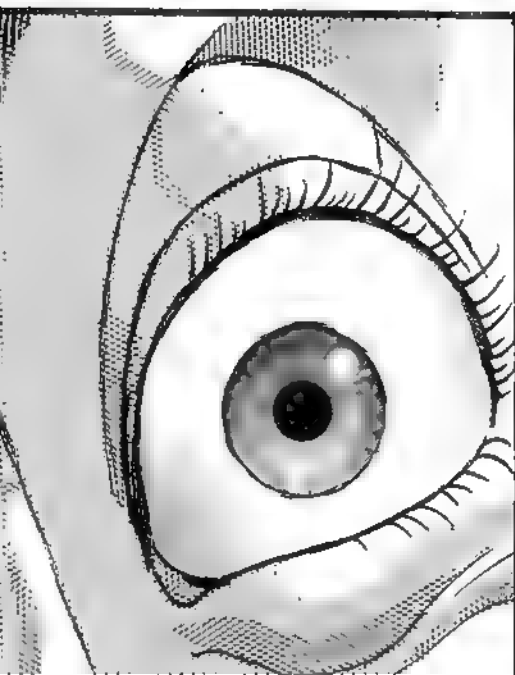






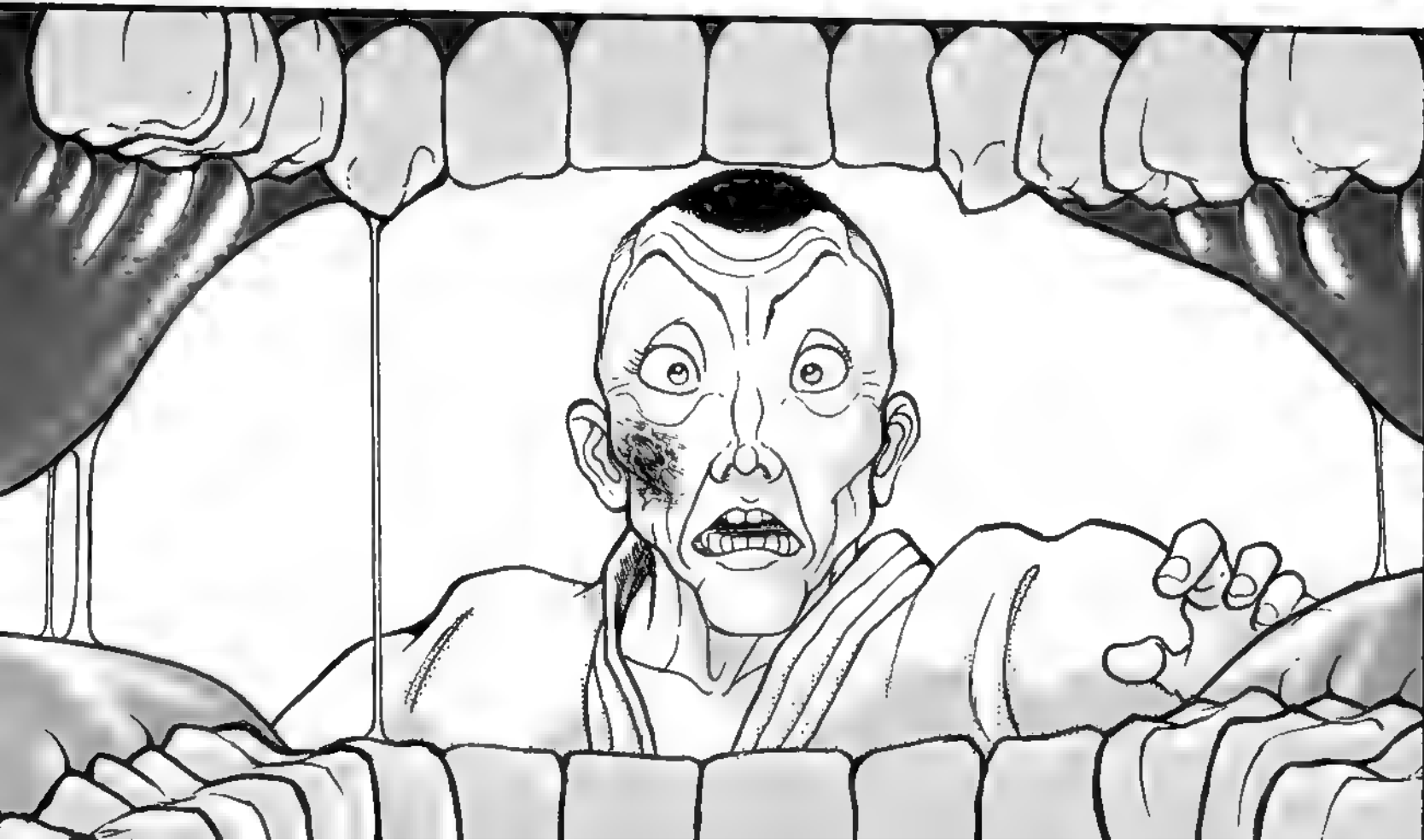
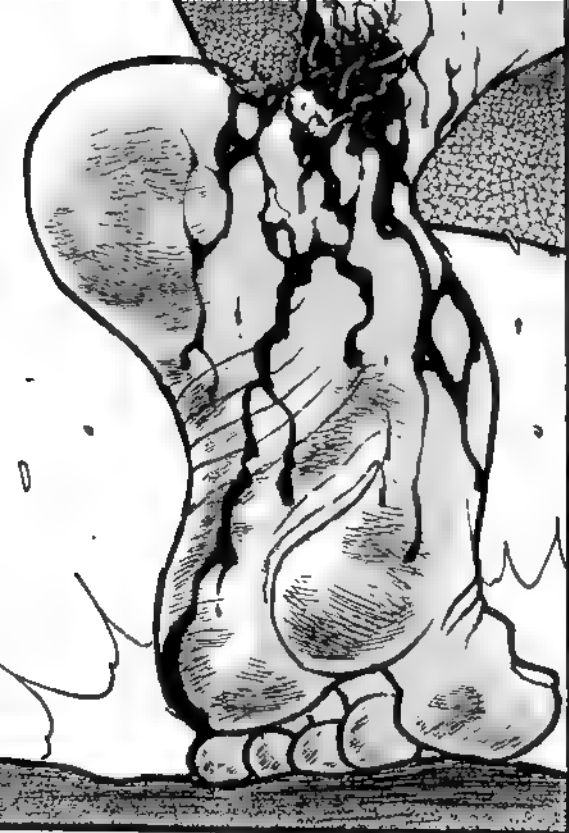


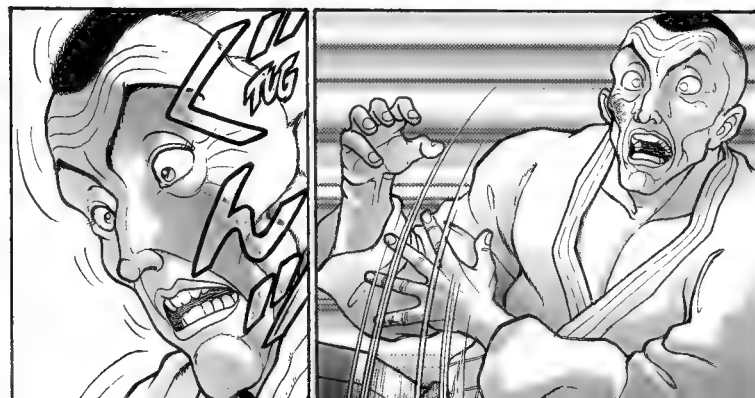
**WATCH  
OUT—**



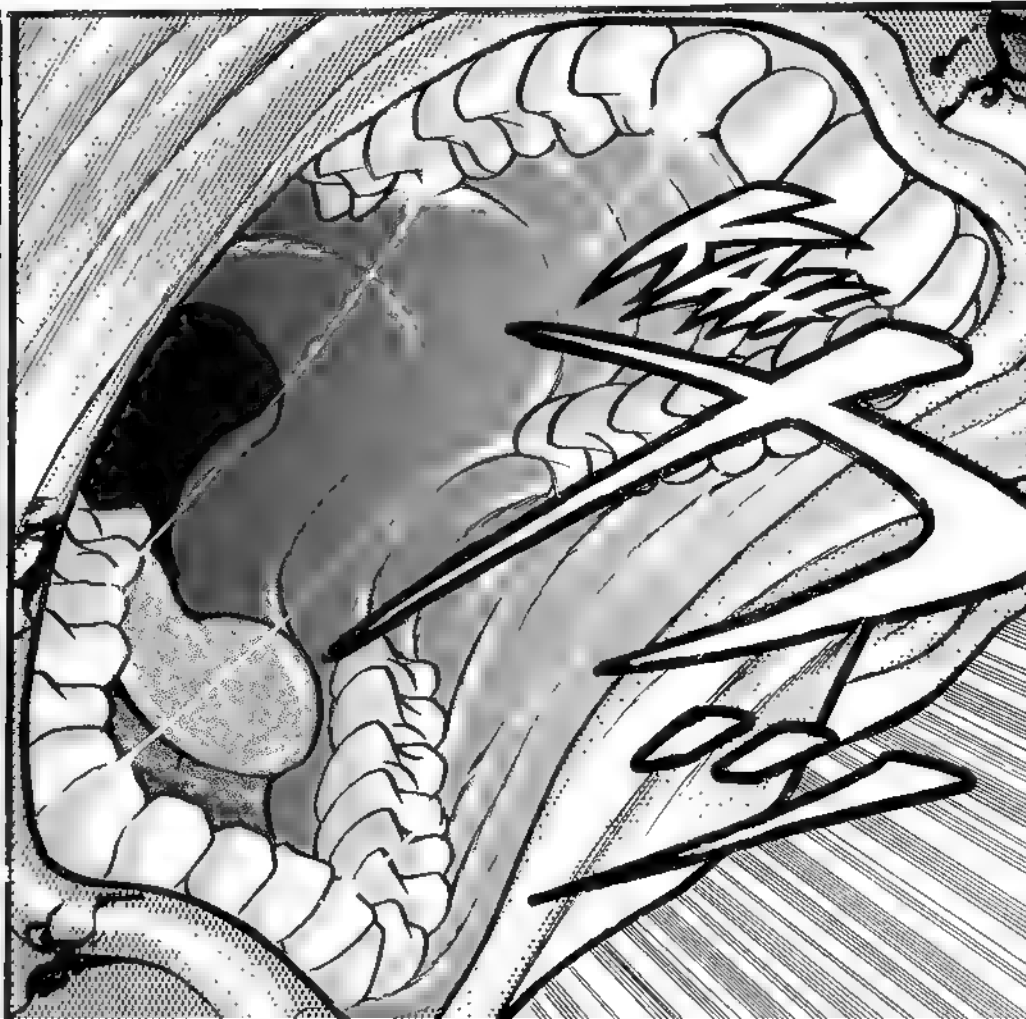














HA!  
YAH  
!!!





**THERE IT  
IIIIIS!!!**



**EVEN WITH  
ONE LEG, HIS  
ATTACKS ARE  
STILL JUST  
AS SHARP!**



**AMA-  
ZIING  
!!!**





THAT'S THE SAME  
STANCE UTILIZED  
IN SHORT-DISTANCE  
RUNNING TO PRODUCE  
THE FASTEST  
DASHES!

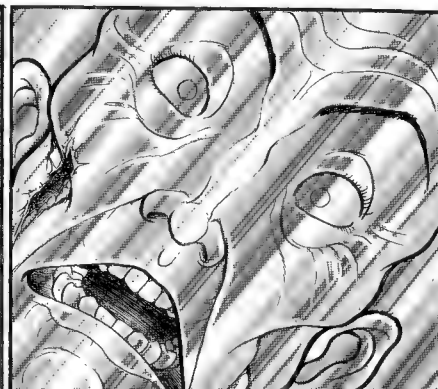
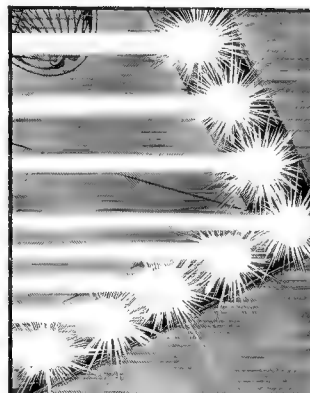


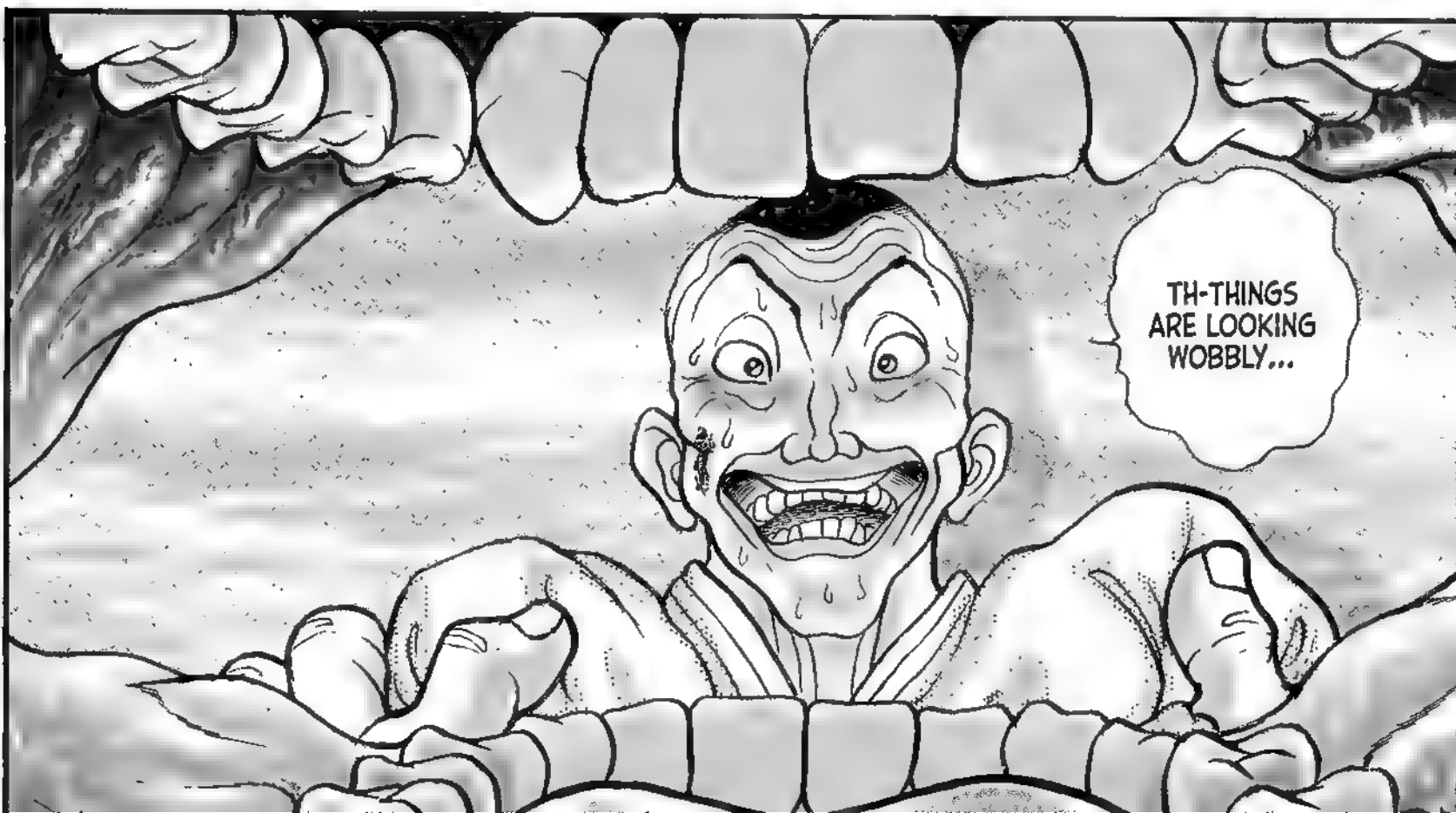
OH  
SHIT...











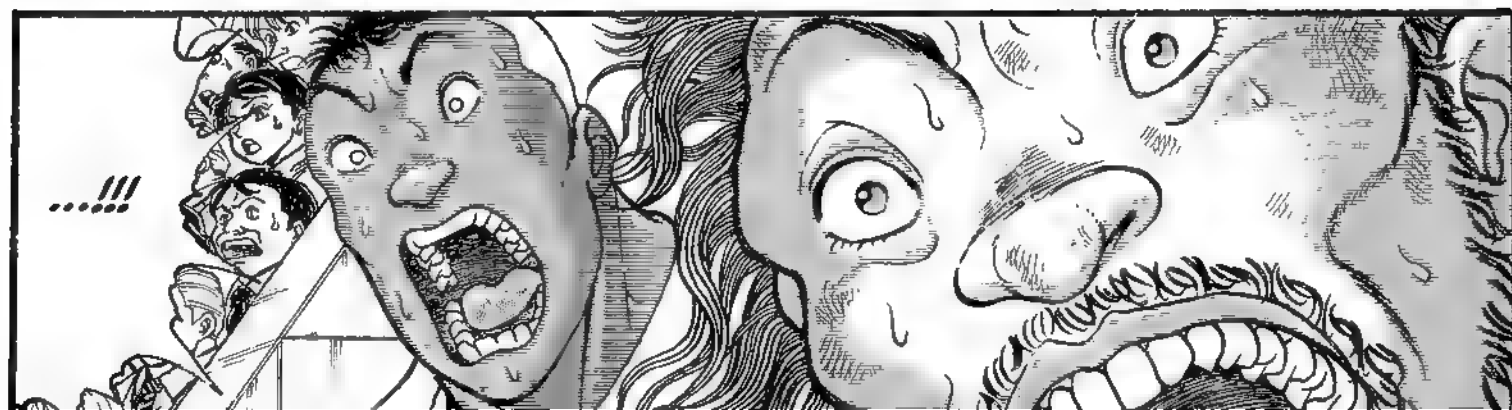


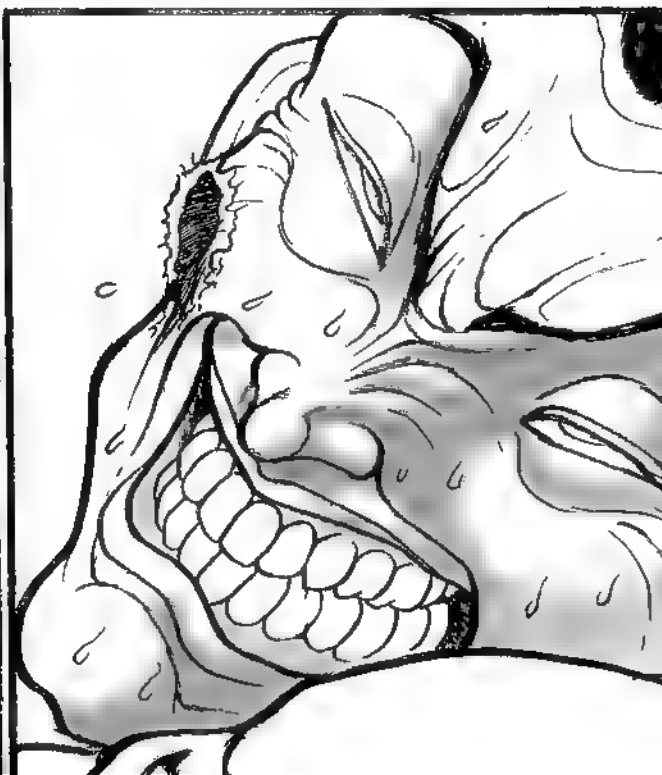
**#335 Toyama no Kin-san**









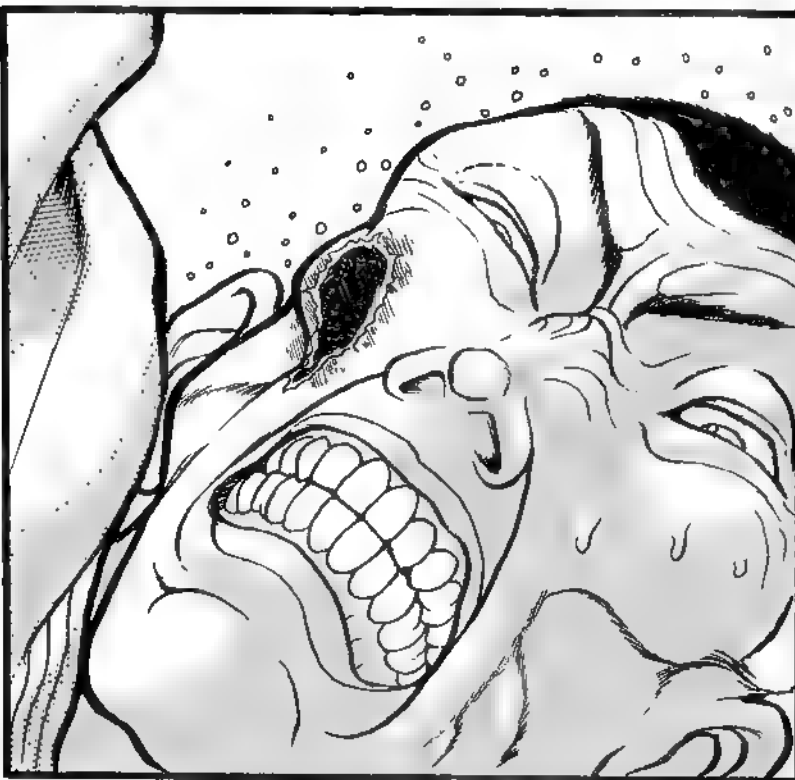




**JACK'S FANGS  
HAVE FINALLY  
CAUGHT THE  
MASTER!!!**

**OUR FEARS  
HAVE BECOME  
A REALITY!**

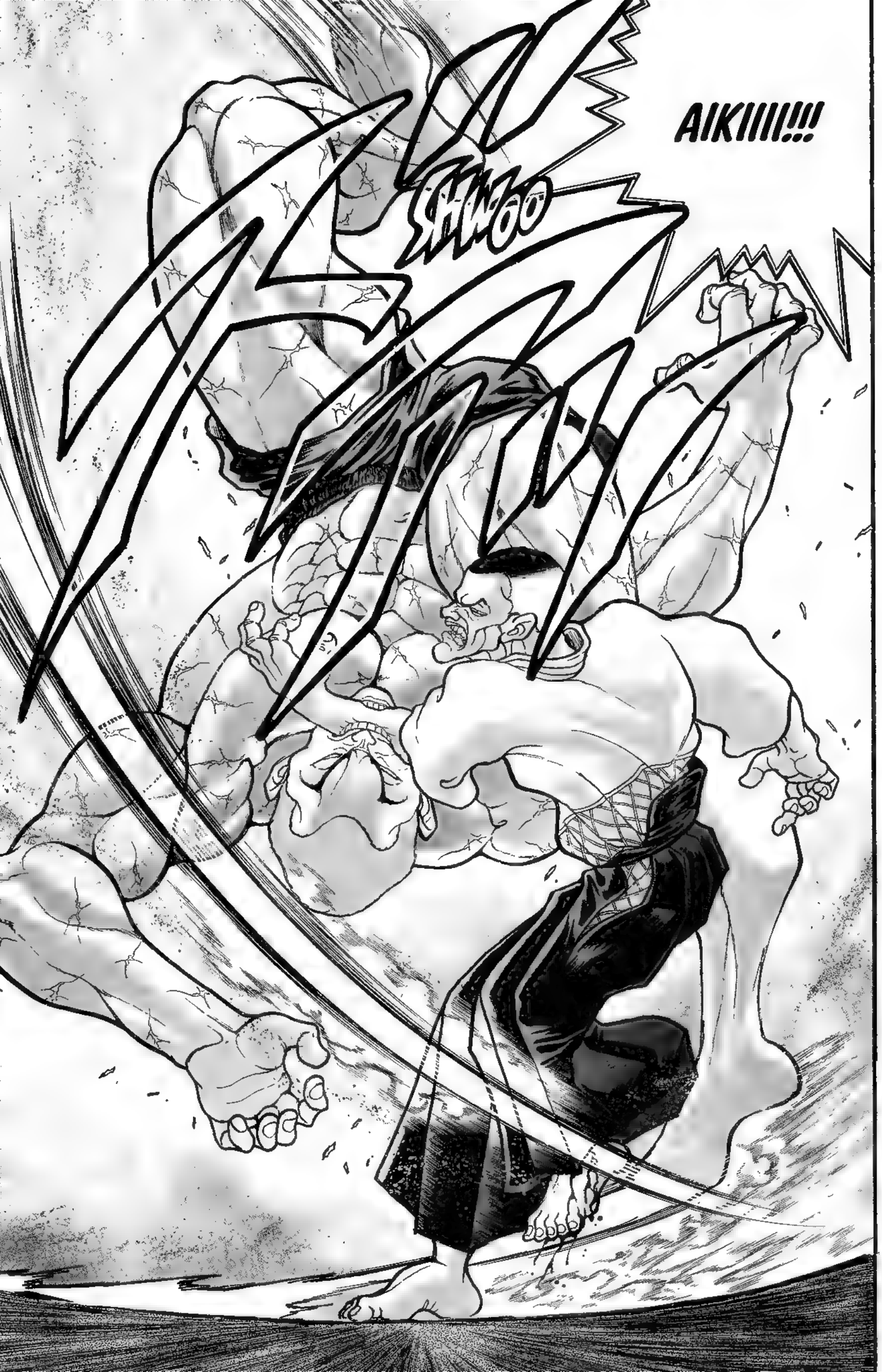






**AIKIIII!!!**

**SHWOO**





**UNDETERRED,  
HE USES HIS  
BREATHING POWER  
AGAINST THE  
BITE!!!**

**HE'S STILL  
A MASTER,  
THROUGH AND  
THROUGH!**

**玄武**





**BRING IT,  
BRAT!**



**HAS HE  
RESIGNED  
HIMSELF TO  
HIS FATE?!**

**HE'S SITTING!  
THE MASTER HAS  
TAKEN A SEAT!!!**

**GOD, I  
WANNA GO  
HOME...**

**Wooooo**





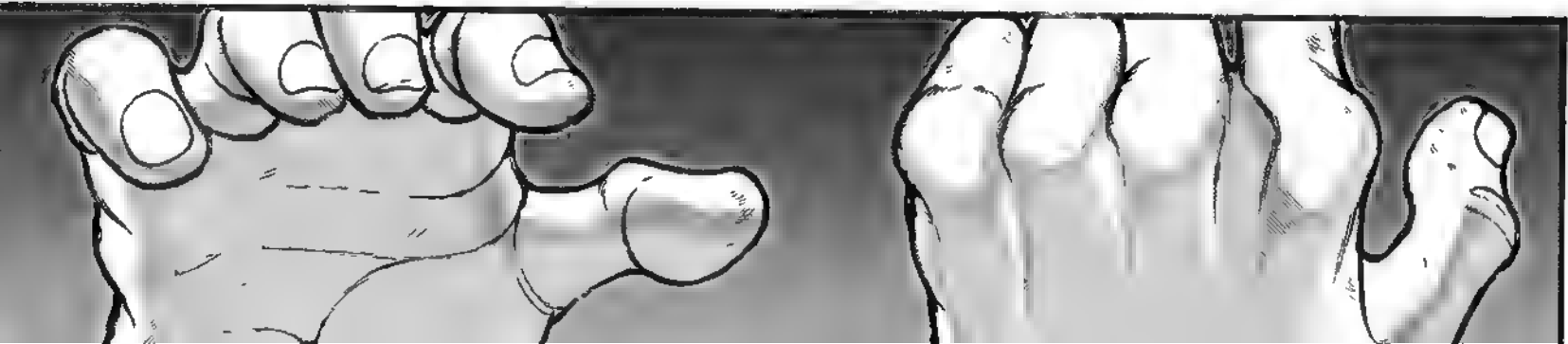


HE'S A  
MASTER  
THROUGH  
AND  
THROUGH  
...

THROUGH  
AND  
THROUGH  
...



A LOW  
TO THE  
FAAAACE!





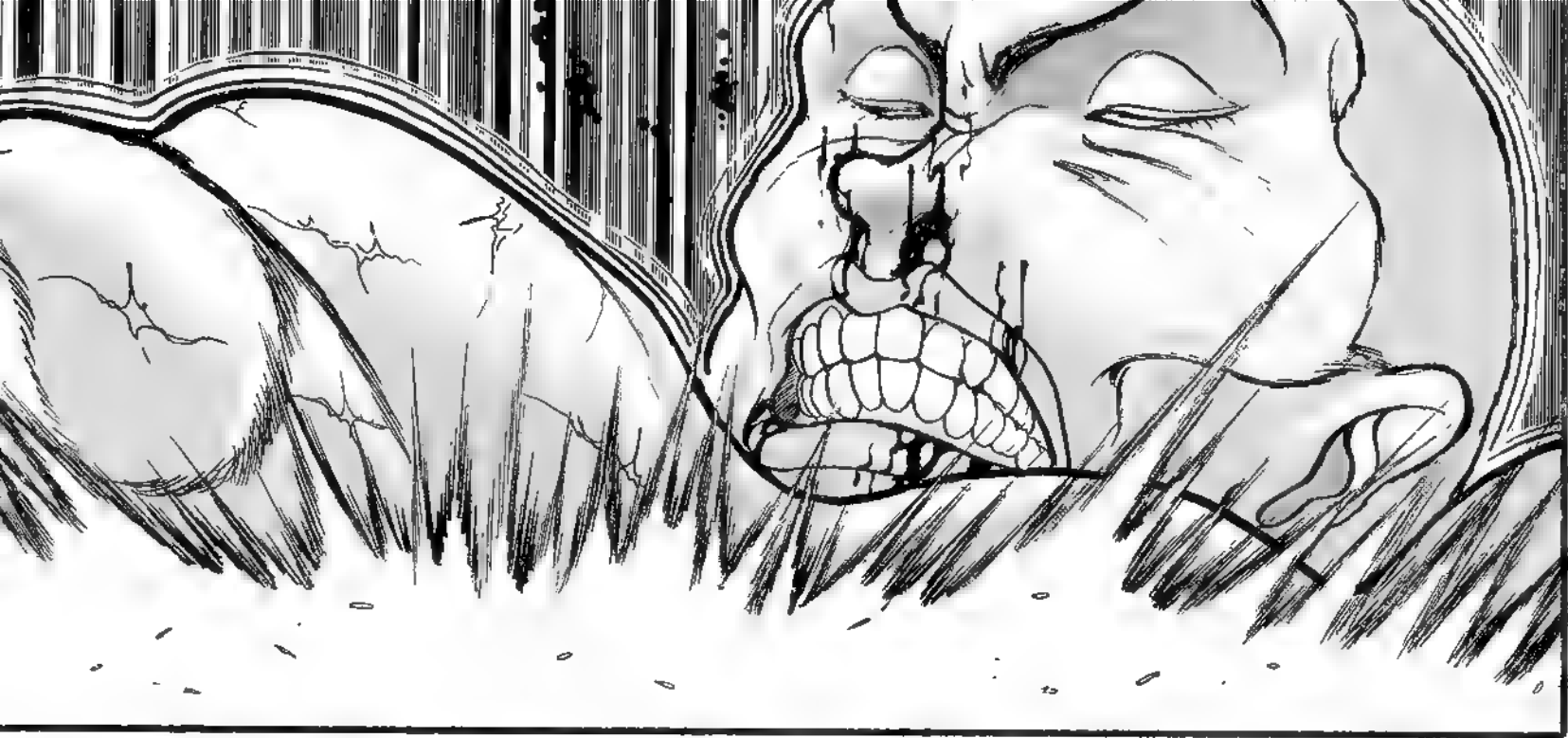




**JACK  
WASTES  
NO TIME  
LUNGING  
AT HIM!**









\*A POPULAR CHARACTER BASED ON TOYAMA KAGEMOTO, A SAMURAI AND OFFICIAL OF THE SHOGUNATE DURING THE EDO PERIOD.





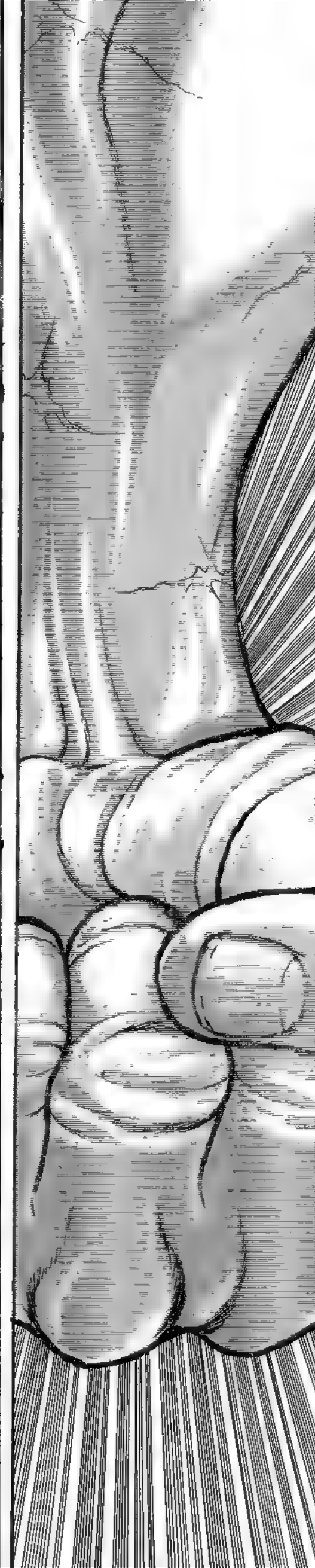


**HE...  
HE'S  
STOPPED!**











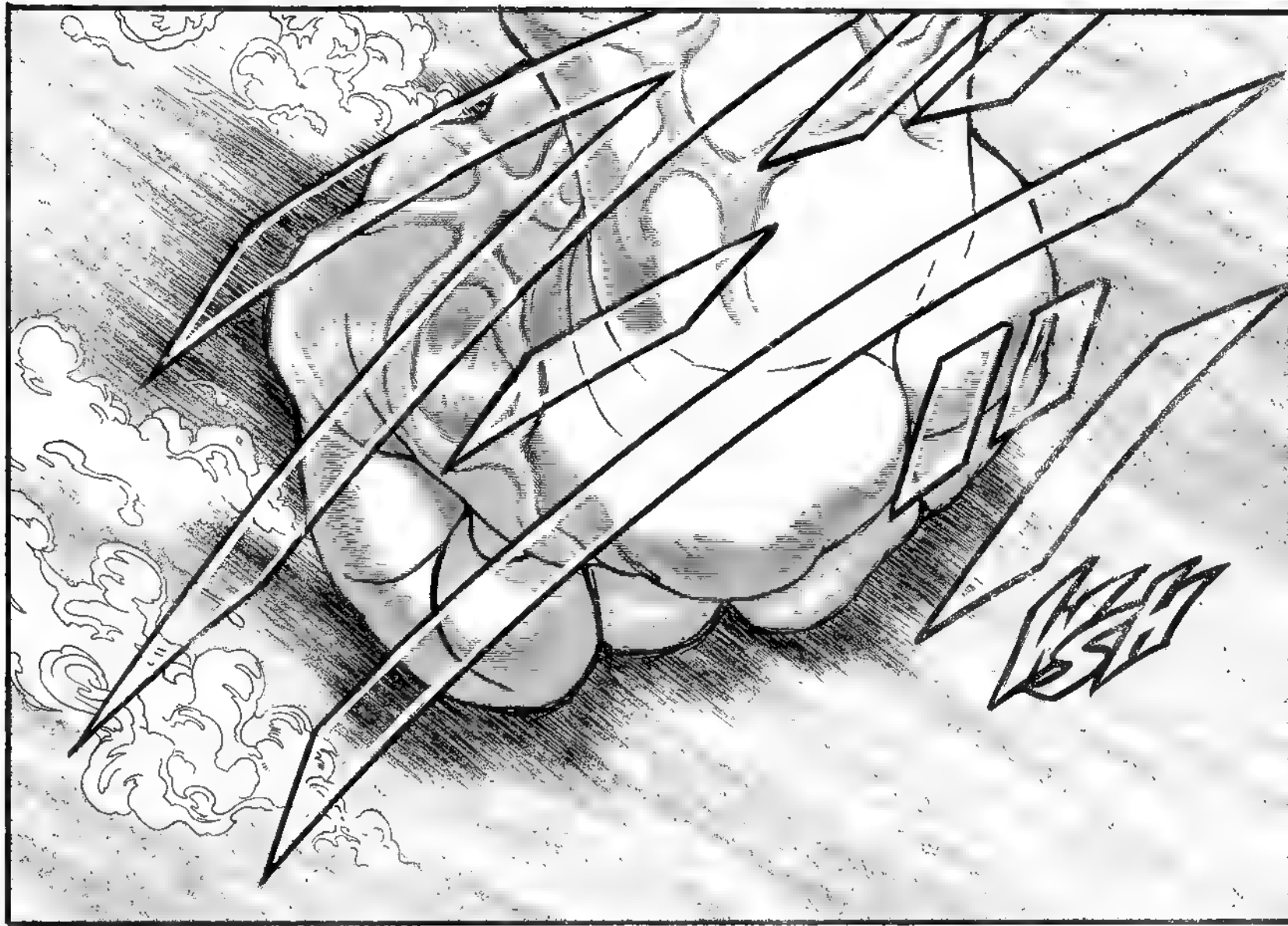
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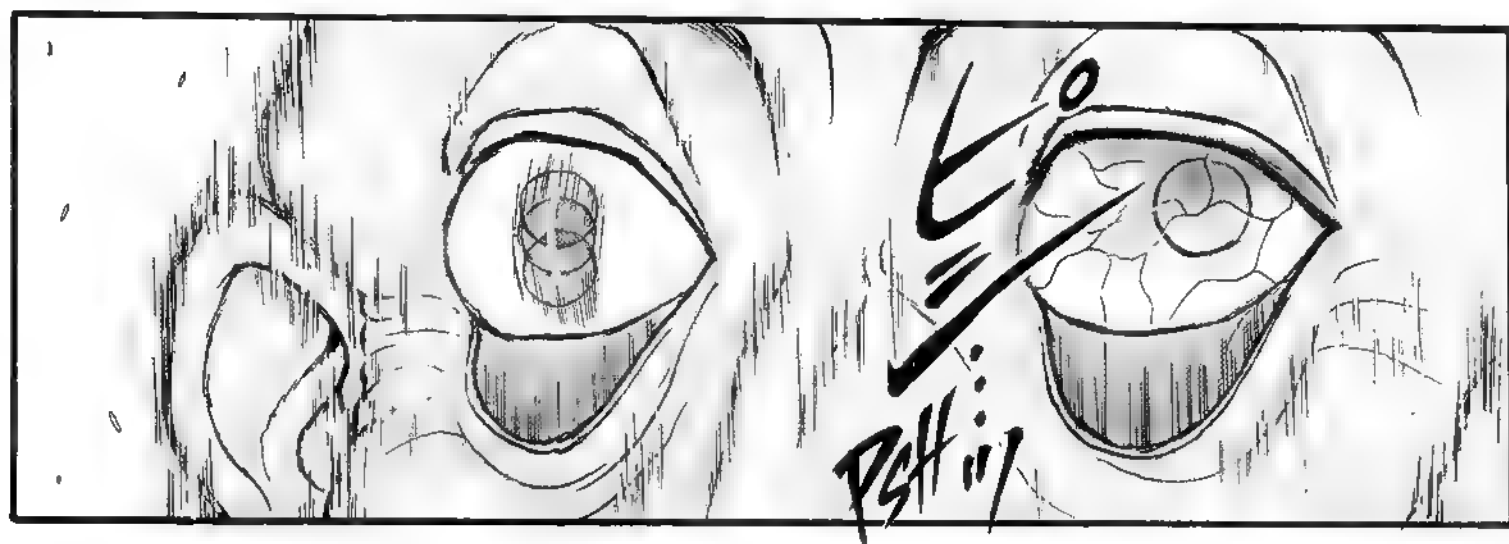












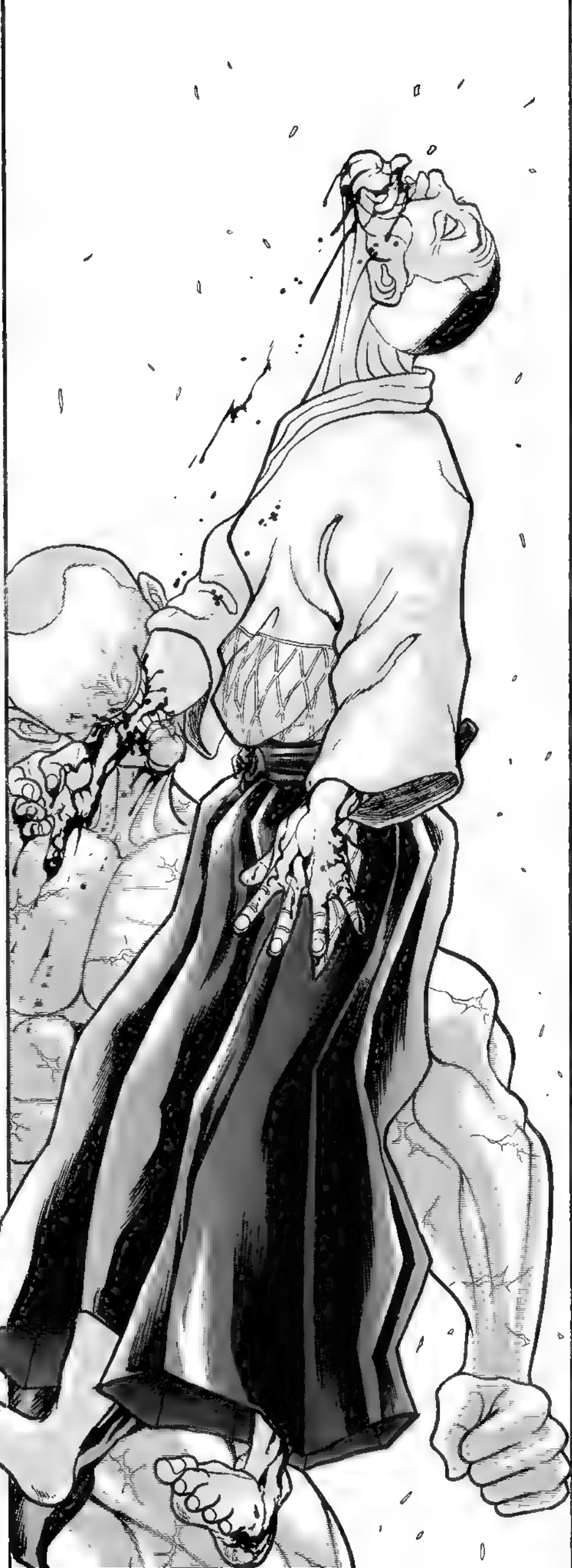




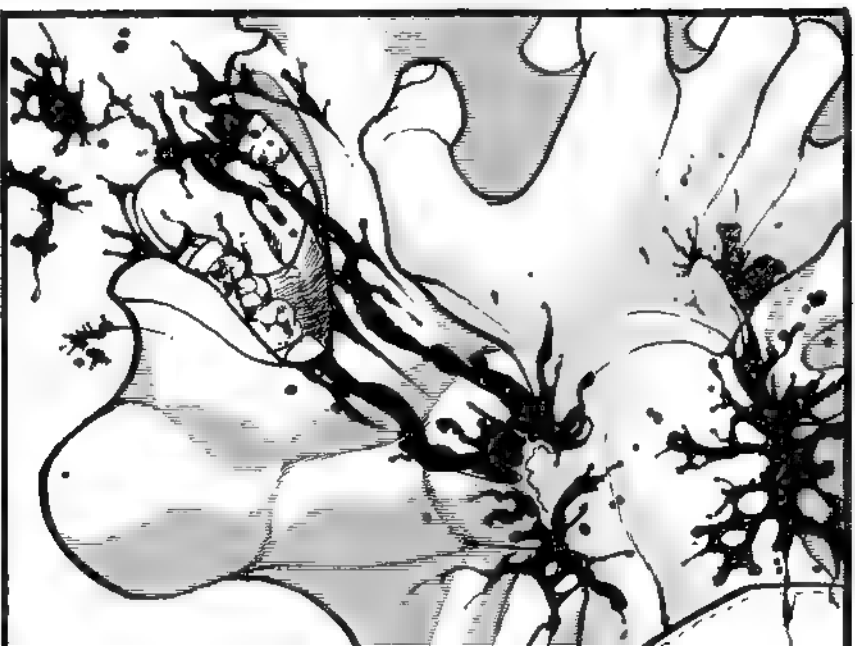
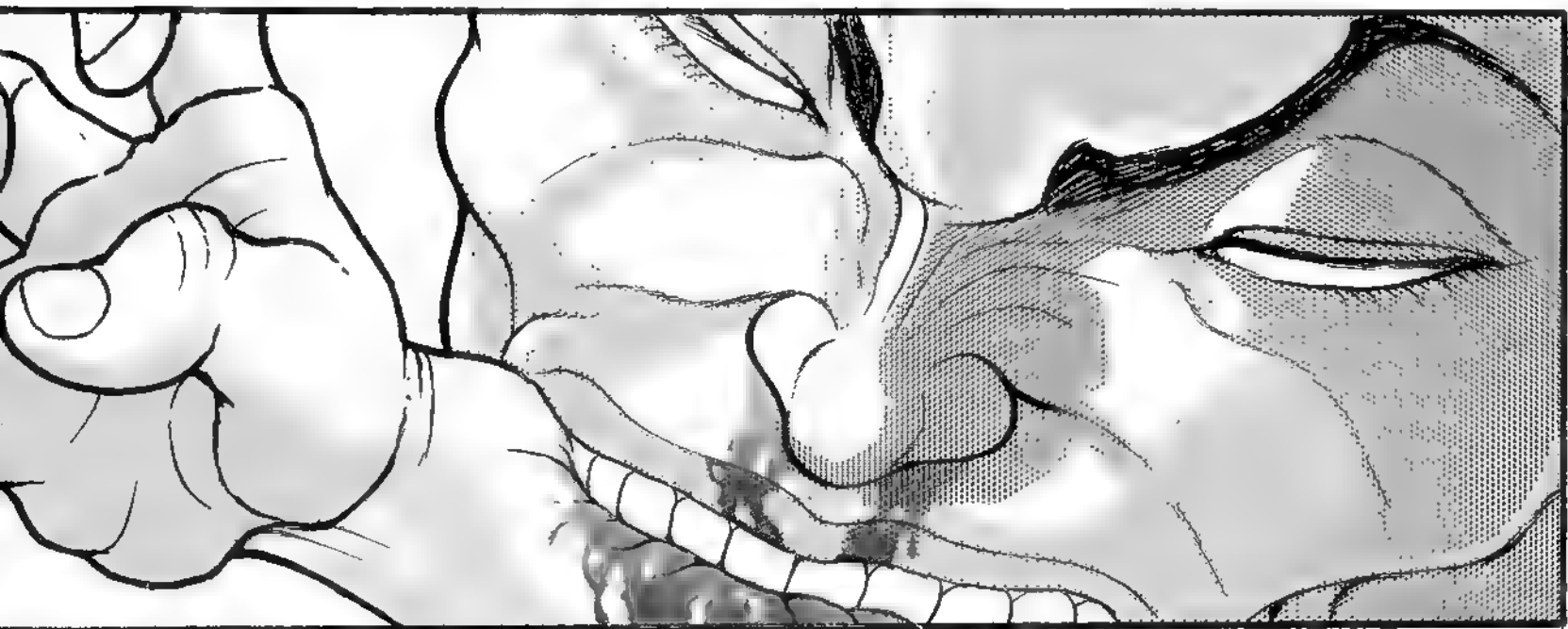




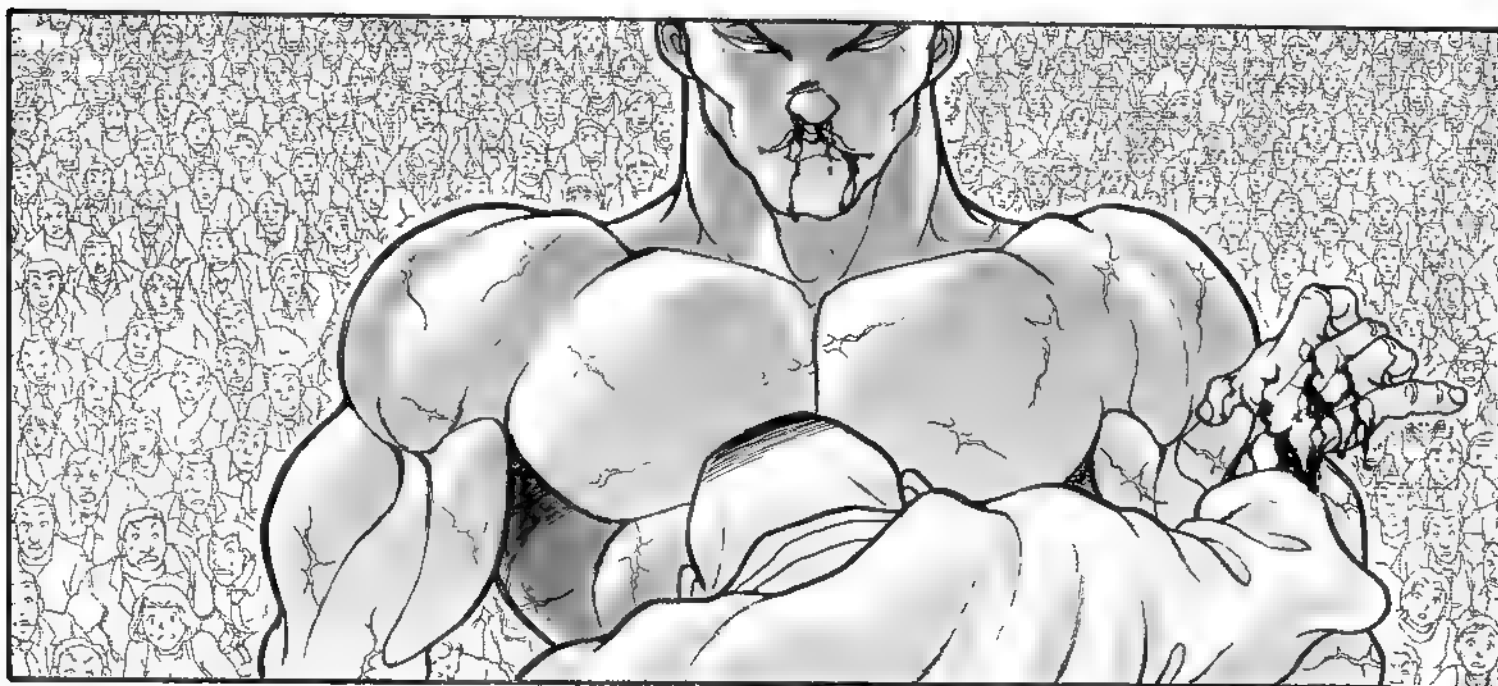




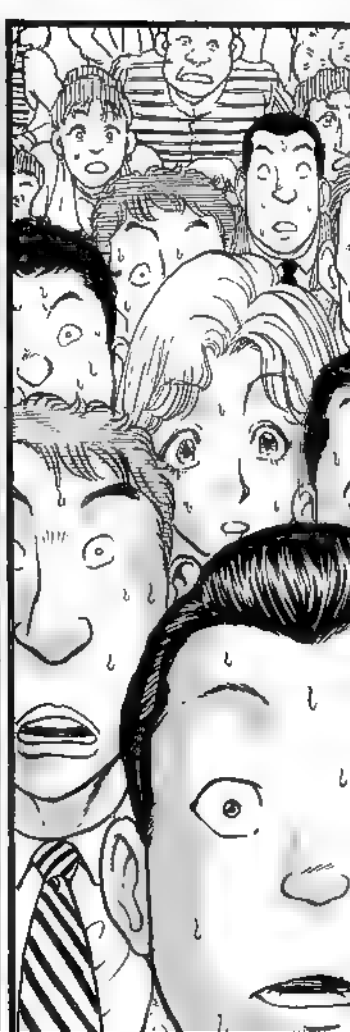
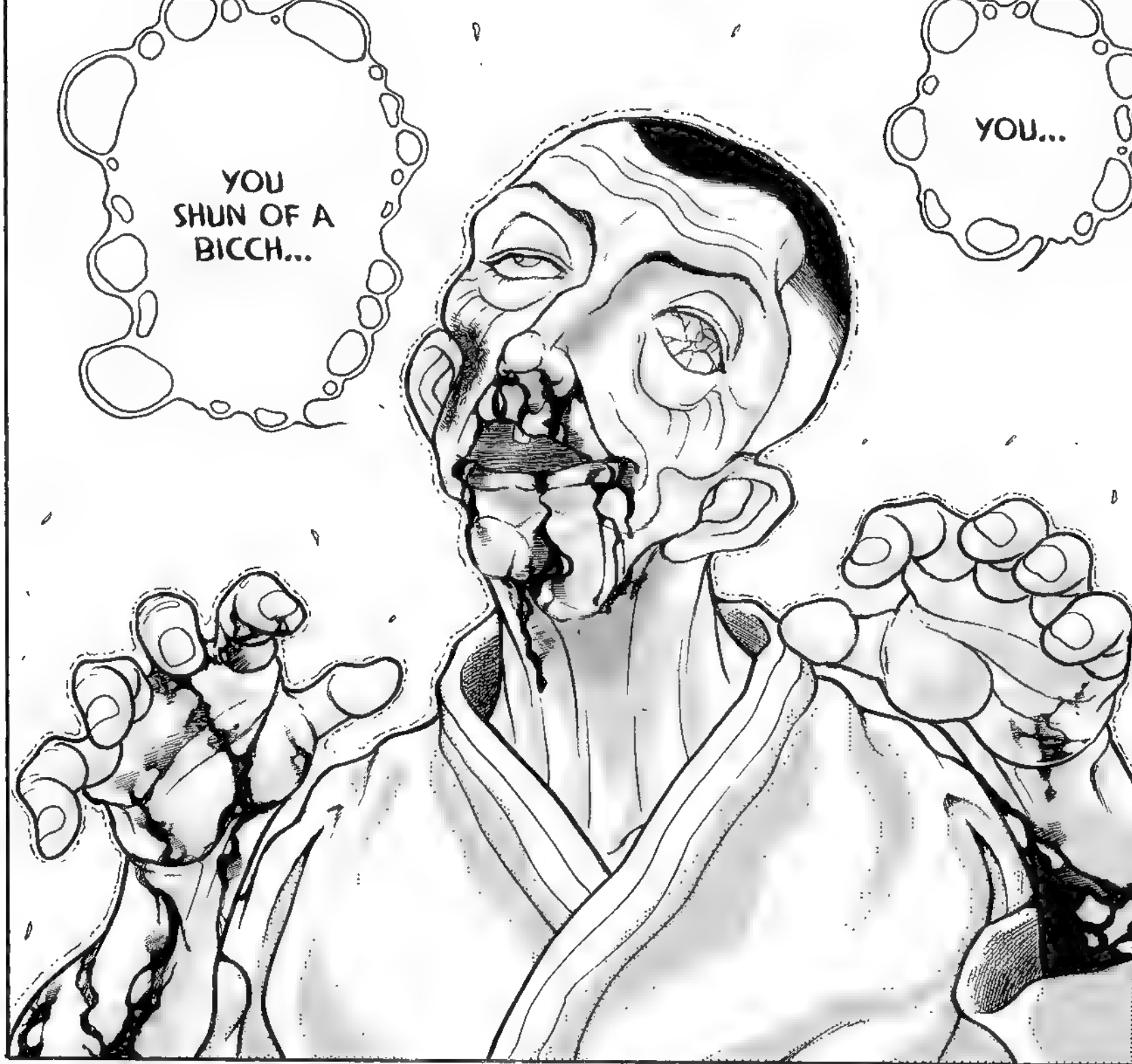












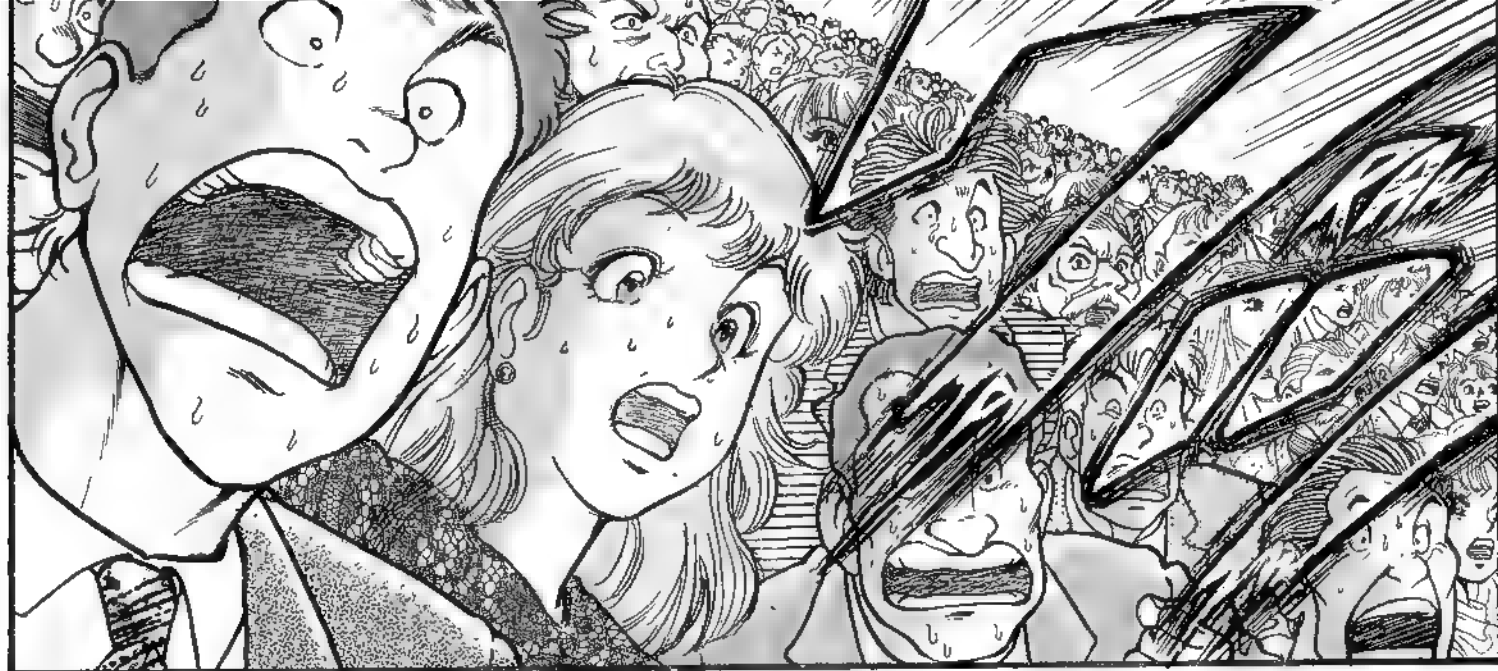
















THE  
MATCH  
IS  
OVER!!!



SO THAT'S  
THE TIMING  
FOR IT...



## #337 Strength and Decay



**WHAT  
HEART-  
BREAK  
!!!**

**THE MASTER,  
GOKI SHIBUKAWA,  
FALLS!!!**

**WOOOOOO!!!**





**THE COMBAT-  
CAPABLE MASTER,  
GOKI SHIBUKAWA!  
MR. AIKI HIMSELF,  
MASTER  
SHIBUKAWA!**

**ONE OF  
THE GREATS  
FALLS TO THE  
STRENGTH OF  
MODERN-DAY  
MUSCLE!**



HEH...

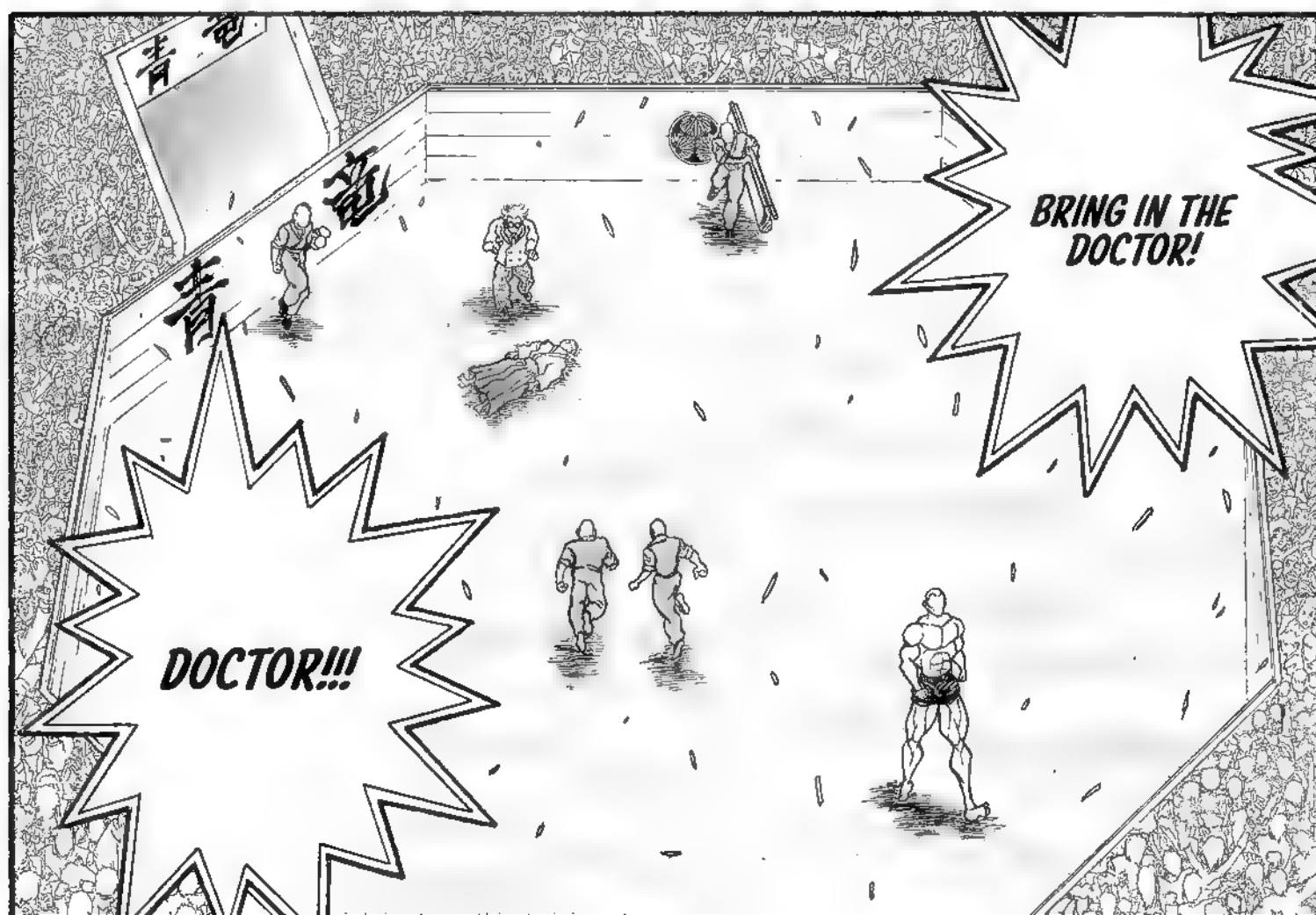
**THIS WASN'T  
A MATTER  
OF "SOFT  
CONQUERING  
STRONG"!!!**





NONE OF YOU  
UNDERSTAND...

IT'S THE  
REALITY OF  
"STRONG  
SEVERING  
SOFT"!!!



BRING IN THE  
DOCTOR!

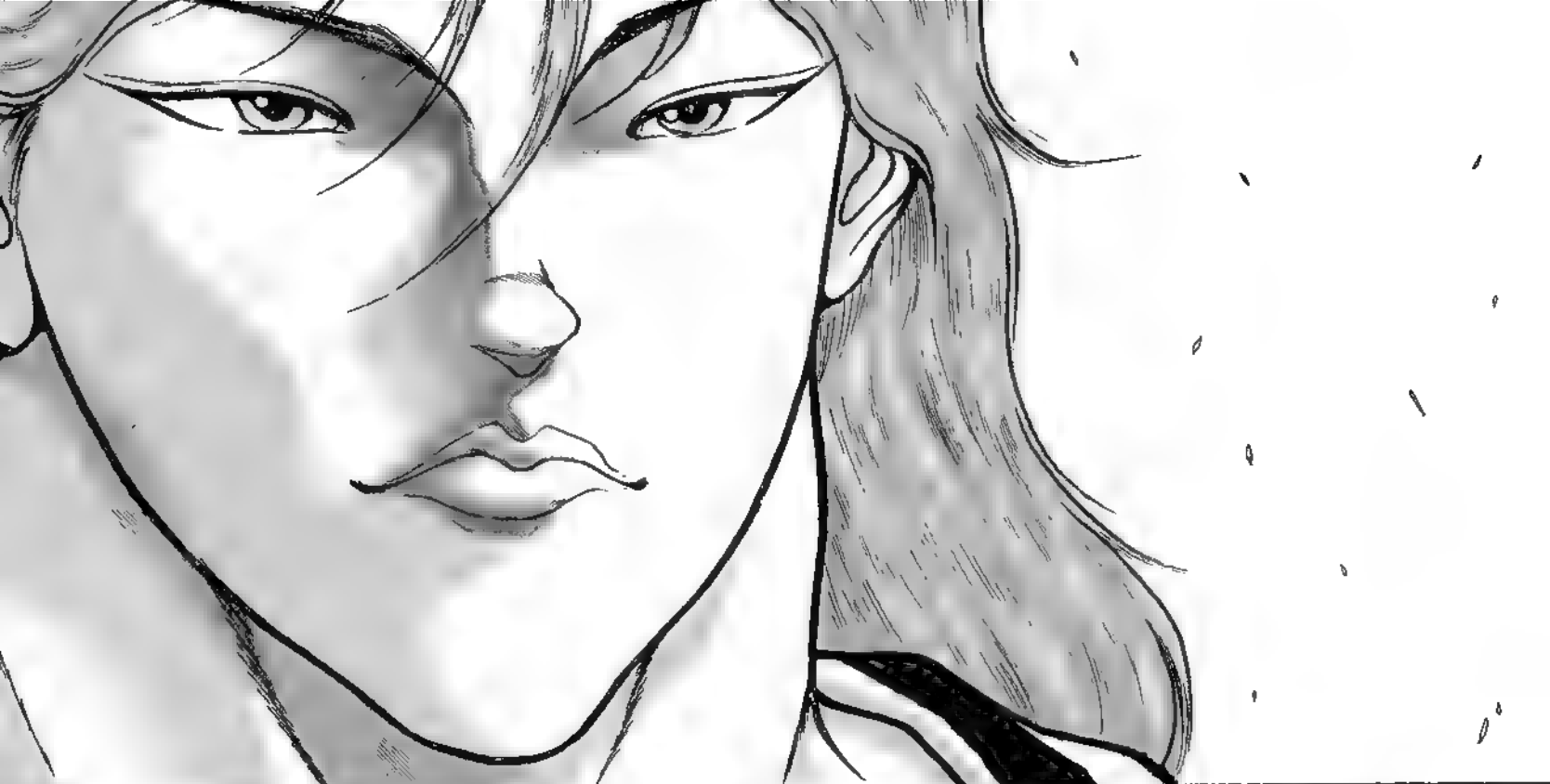
DOCTOR!!!



**SUPER DOCTOR  
KUREHA  
SHINOGI**



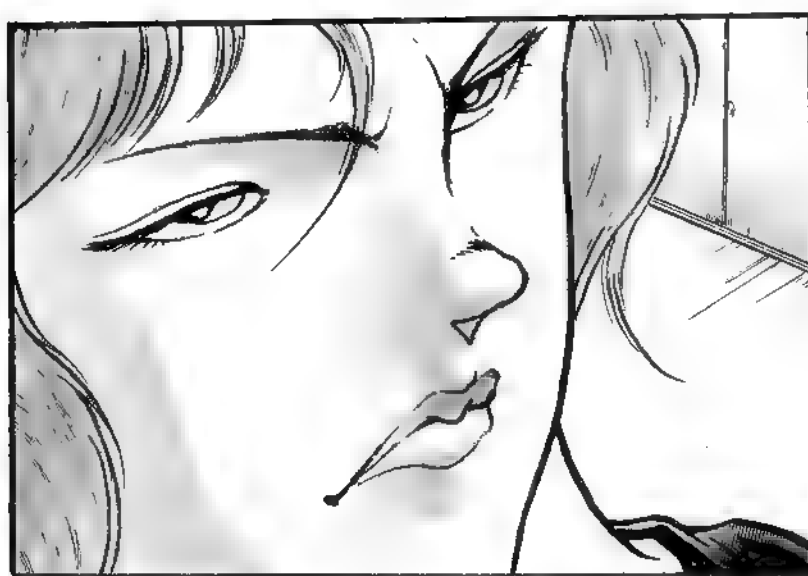


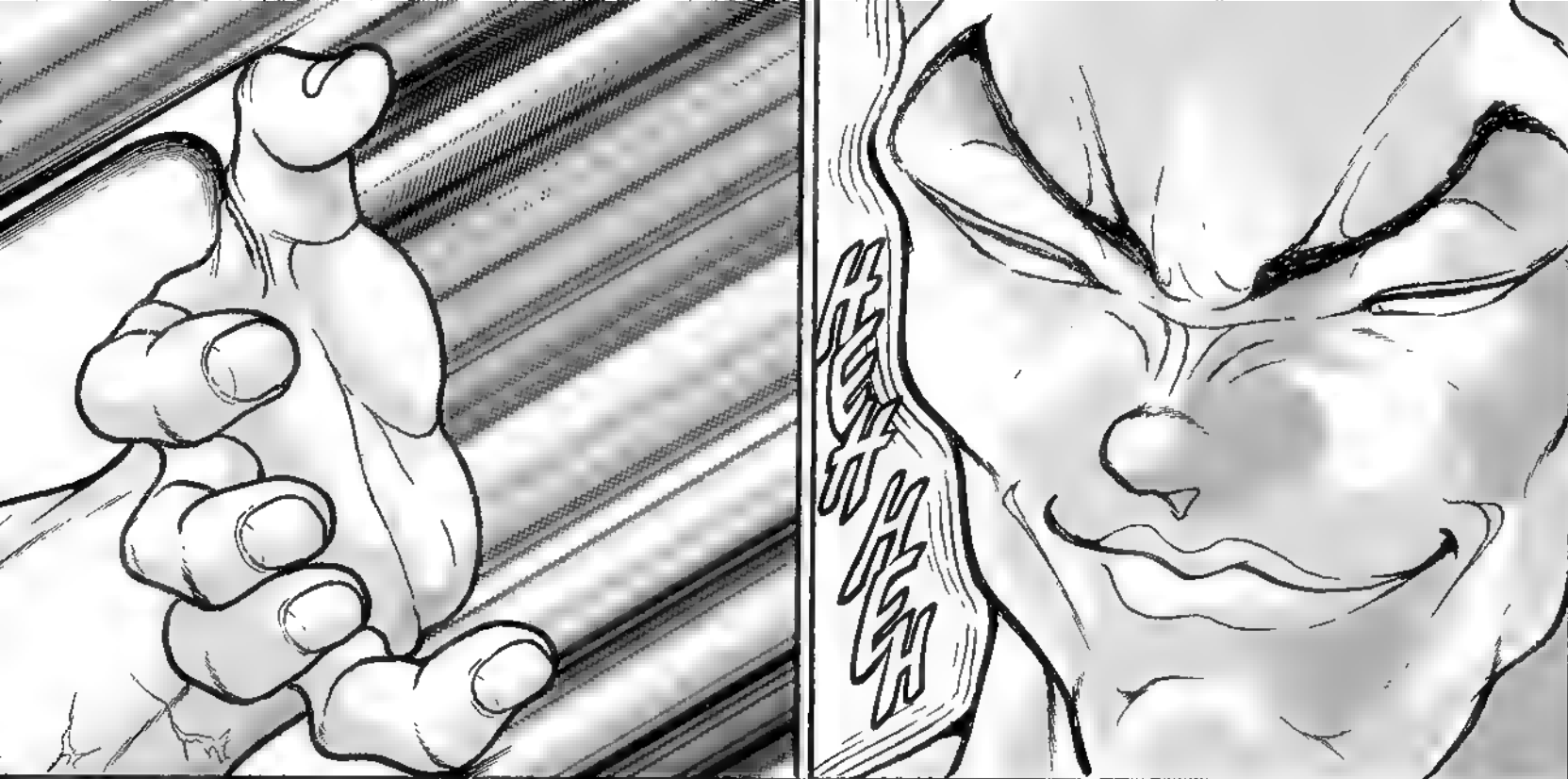


PRETTY  
HIGH GRADE  
ONES, TOO.



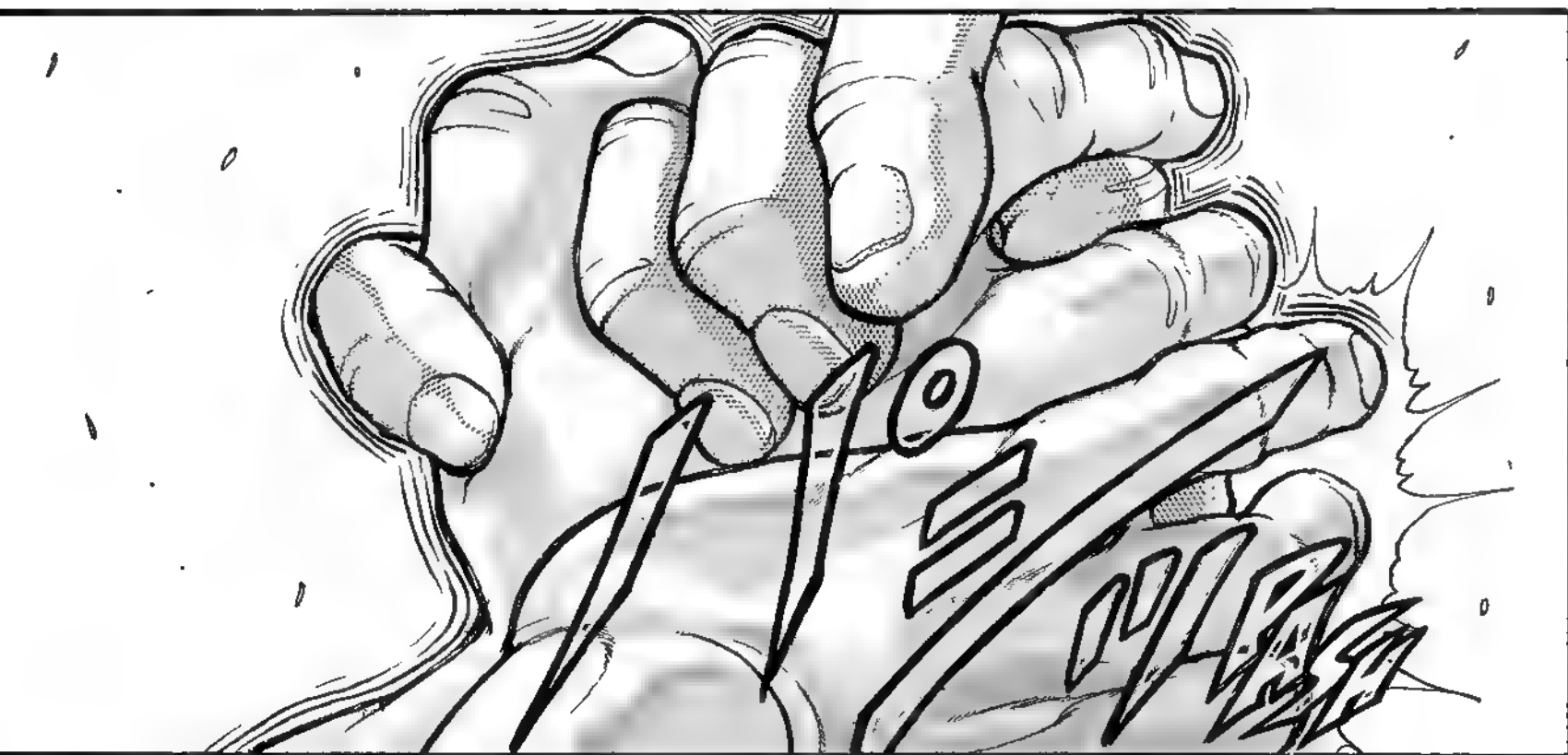
ANABOLIC  
STERIODS.







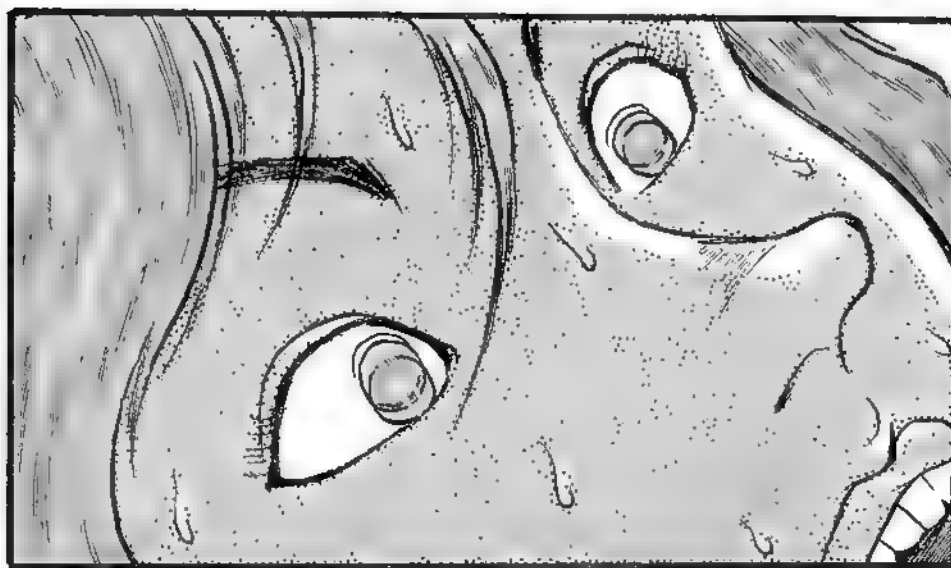


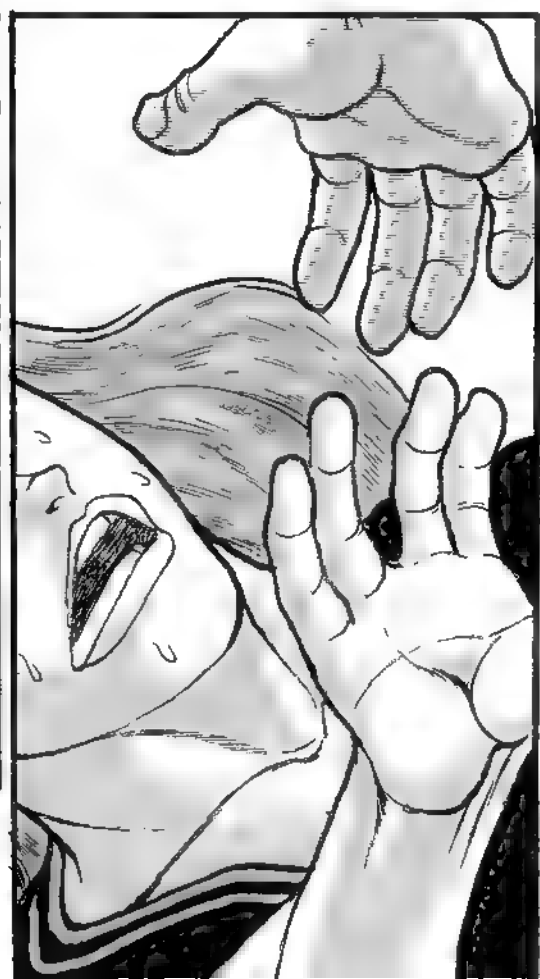
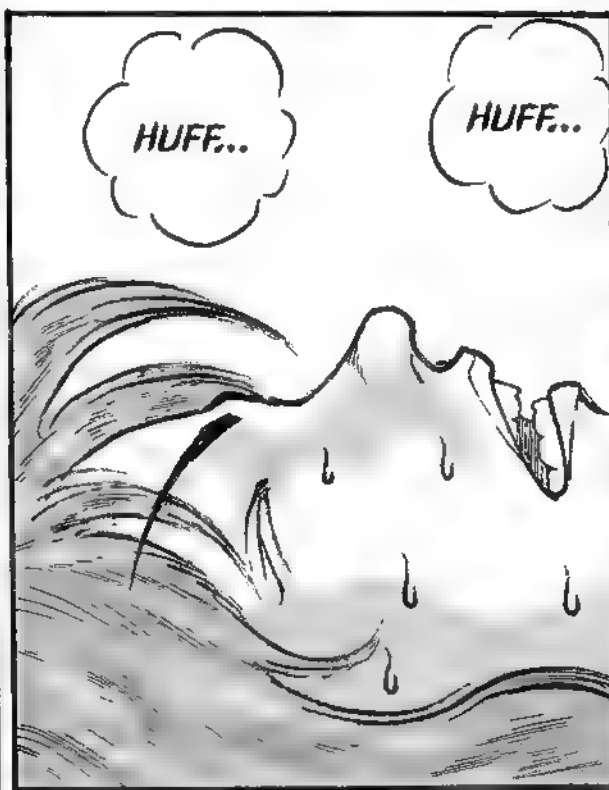
















I'M  
NOT TRYING  
TO STOP THE  
MATCH BECAUSE  
I THINK DRUGS  
ARE CRAVEN!!!



JACK!!!



**JACK!**



**IF YOU FIGHT  
IN THE NEXT  
MATCH, YOU  
WILL**

**DIE**

**YOU CAN  
STILL SAVE  
YOURSELF!**

**IT'S THE  
TRUTH!**

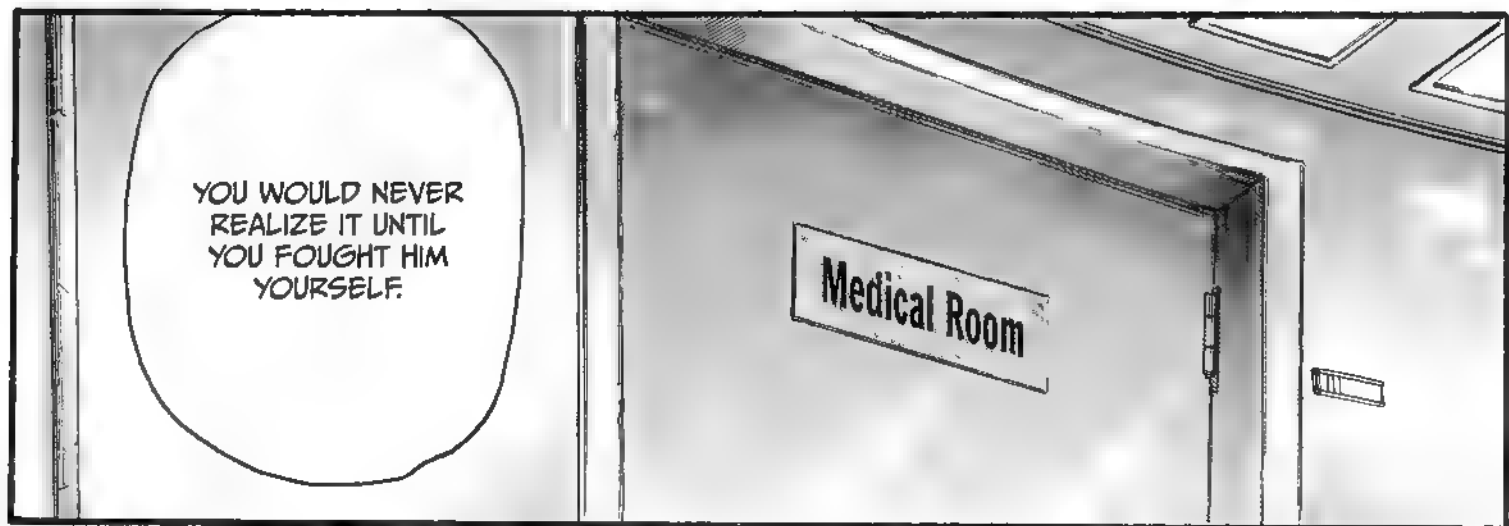


**YOUR BODY  
HAS ALREADY  
BEGUN A  
HORRIFYING  
DECAY!**





**JAAAACK!**

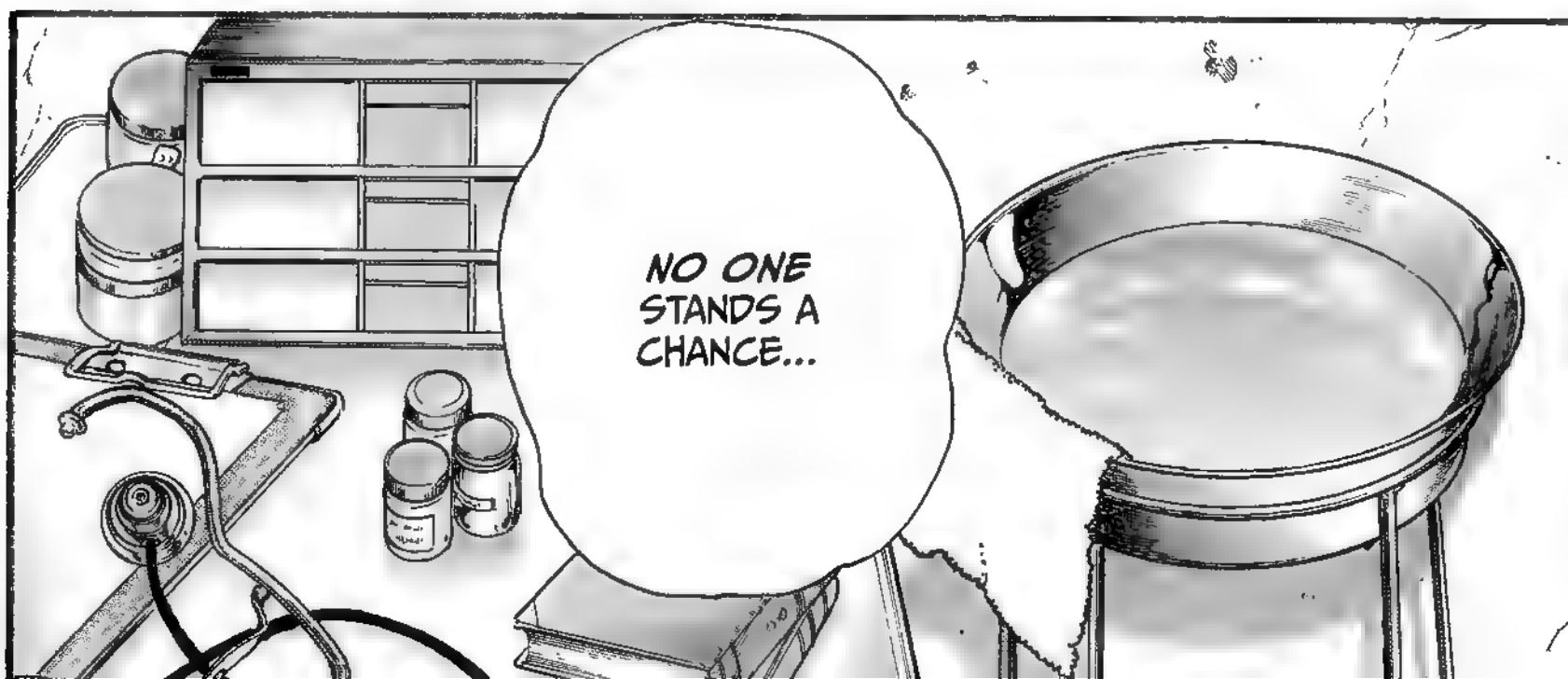


YOU WOULD NEVER  
REALIZE IT UNTIL  
YOU FOUGHT HIM  
YOURSELF.



IT'S NOT  
PLAIN BRUTE  
STRENGTH...

FOR  
HIM?

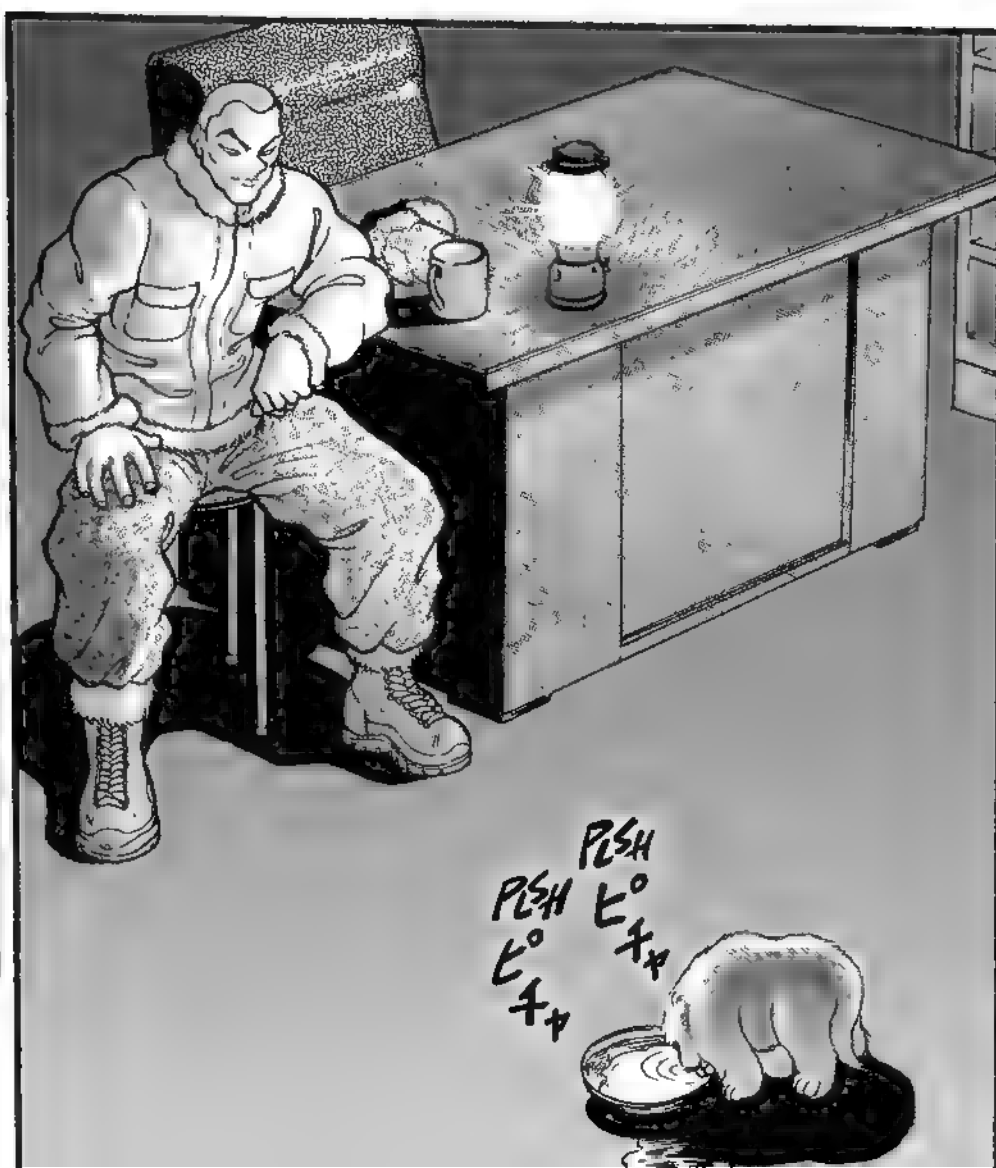
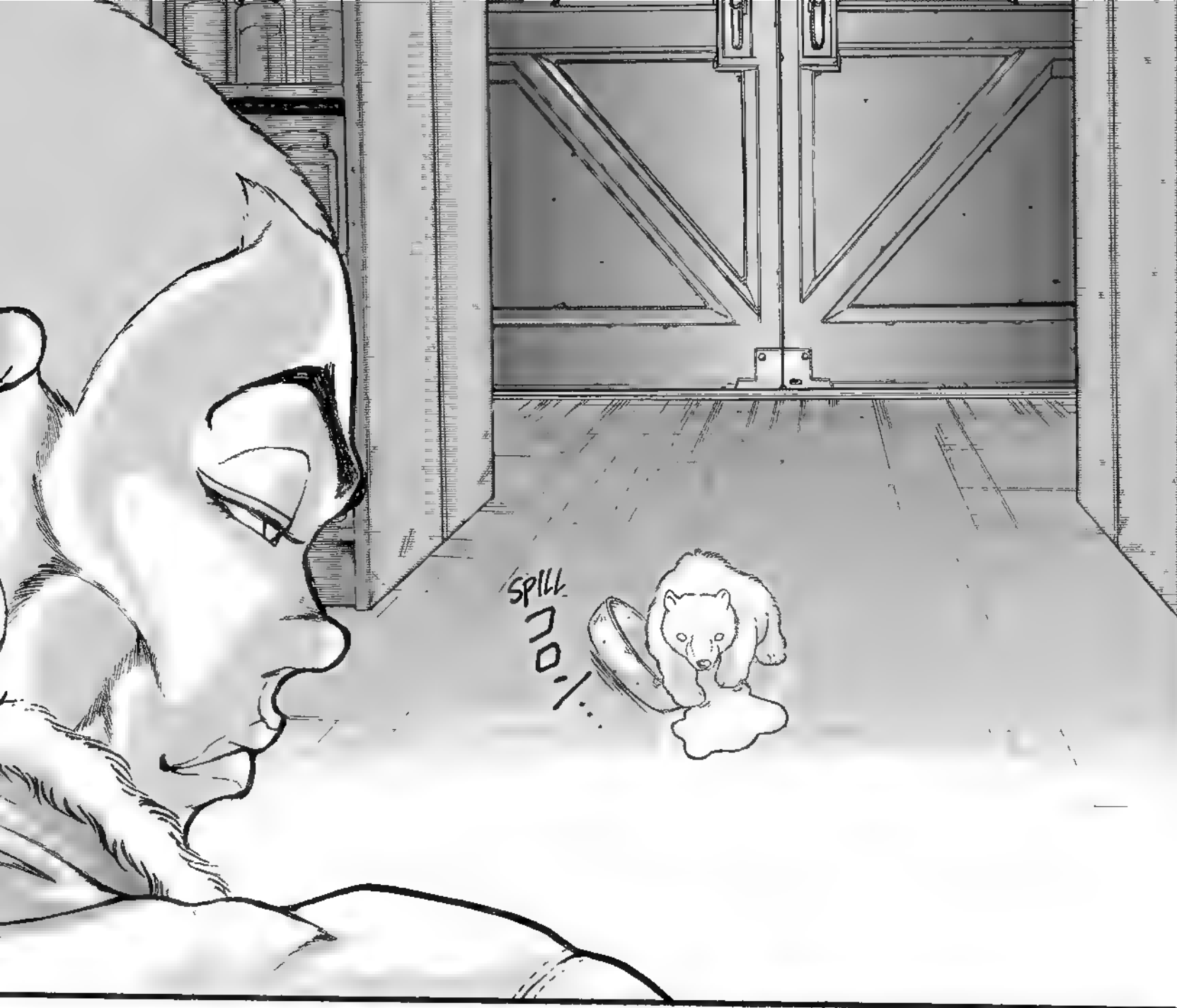


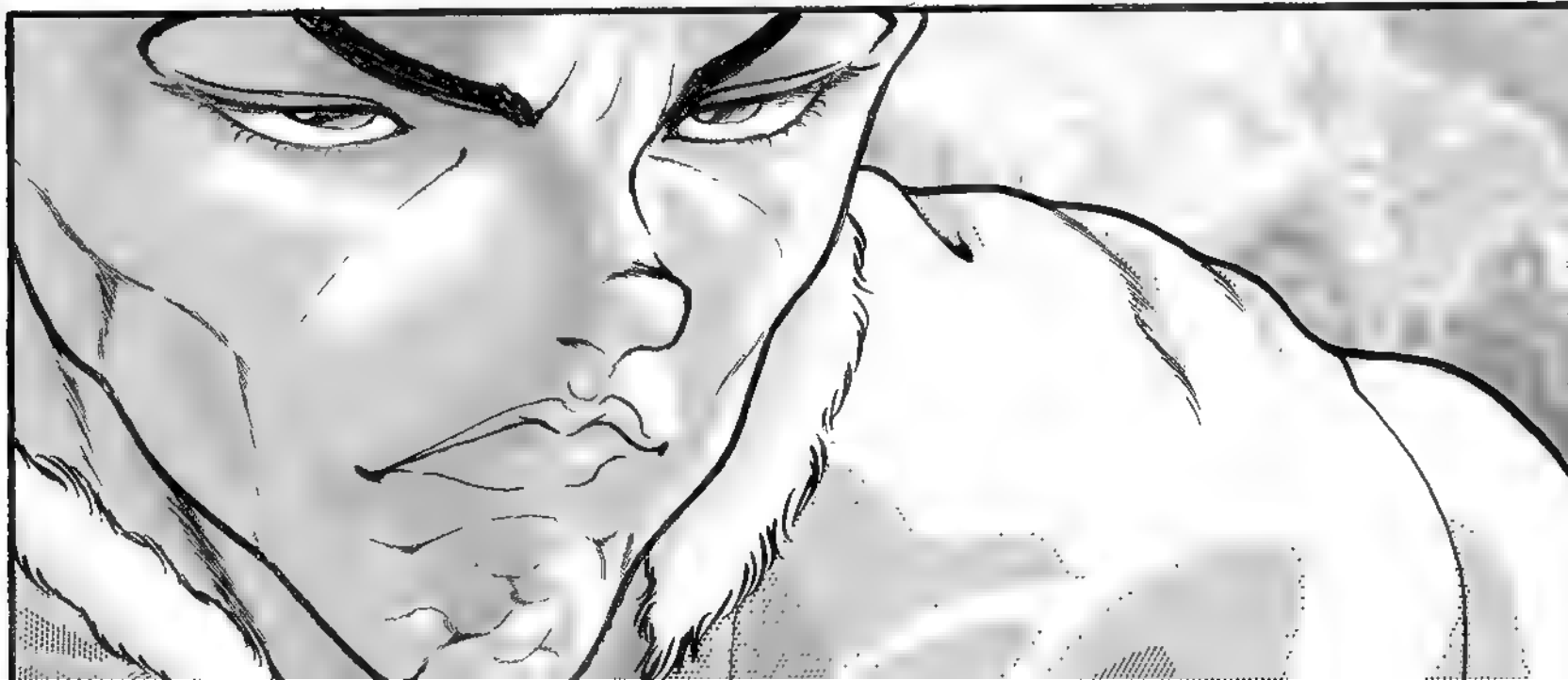
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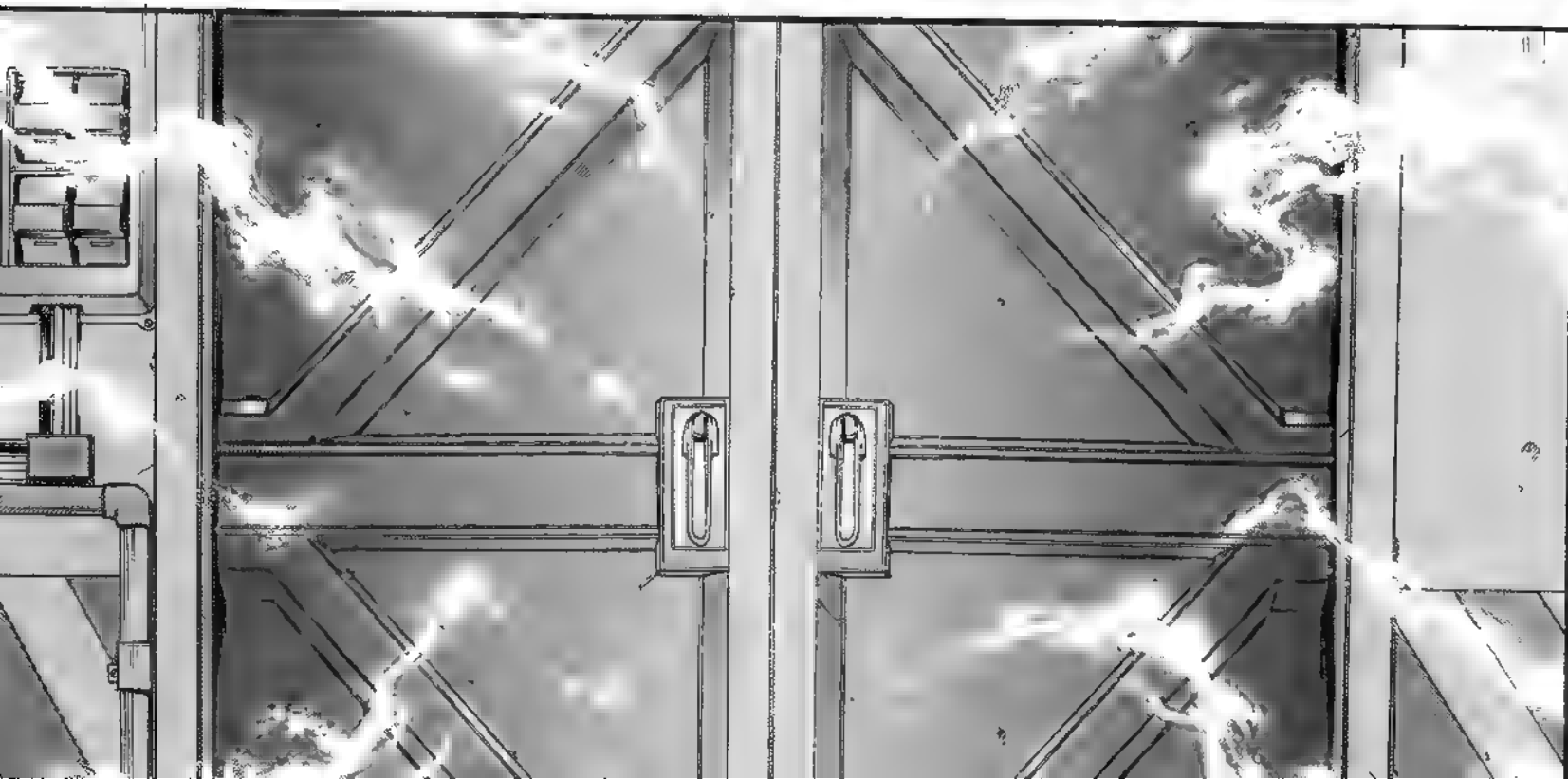


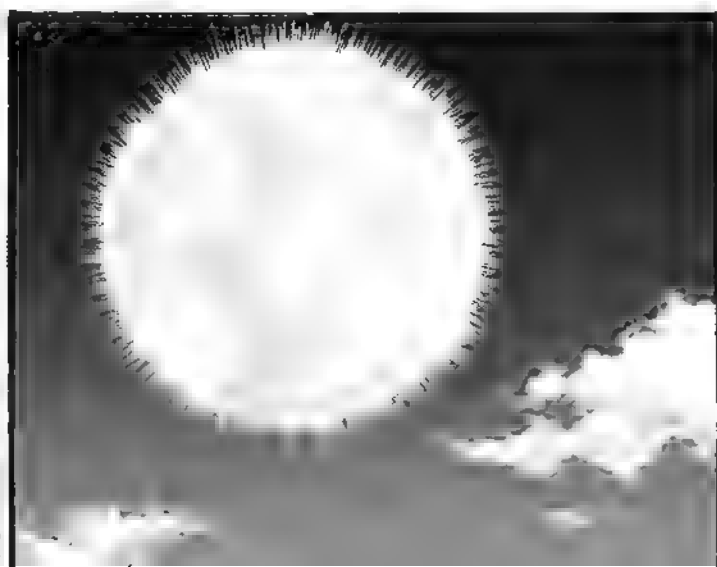
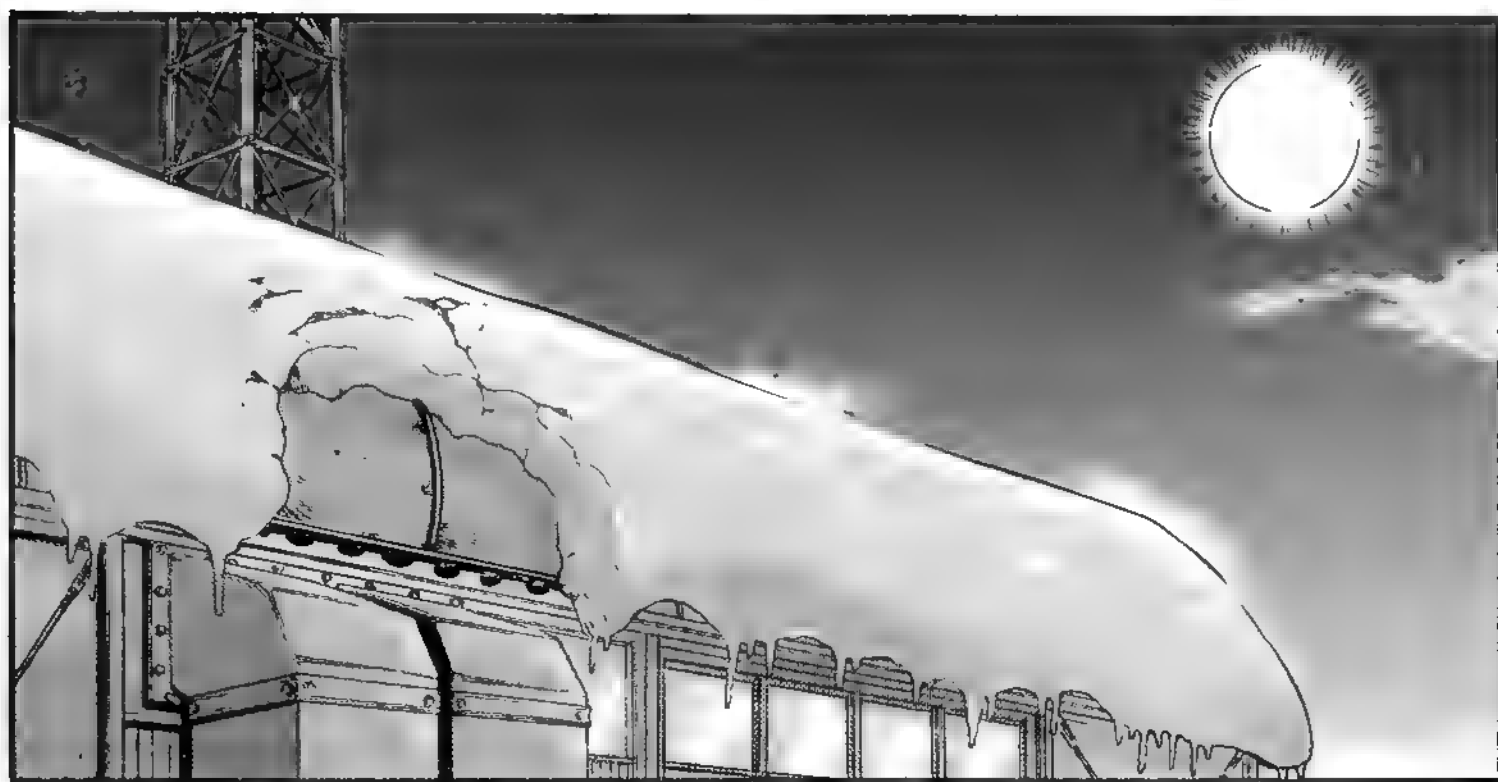








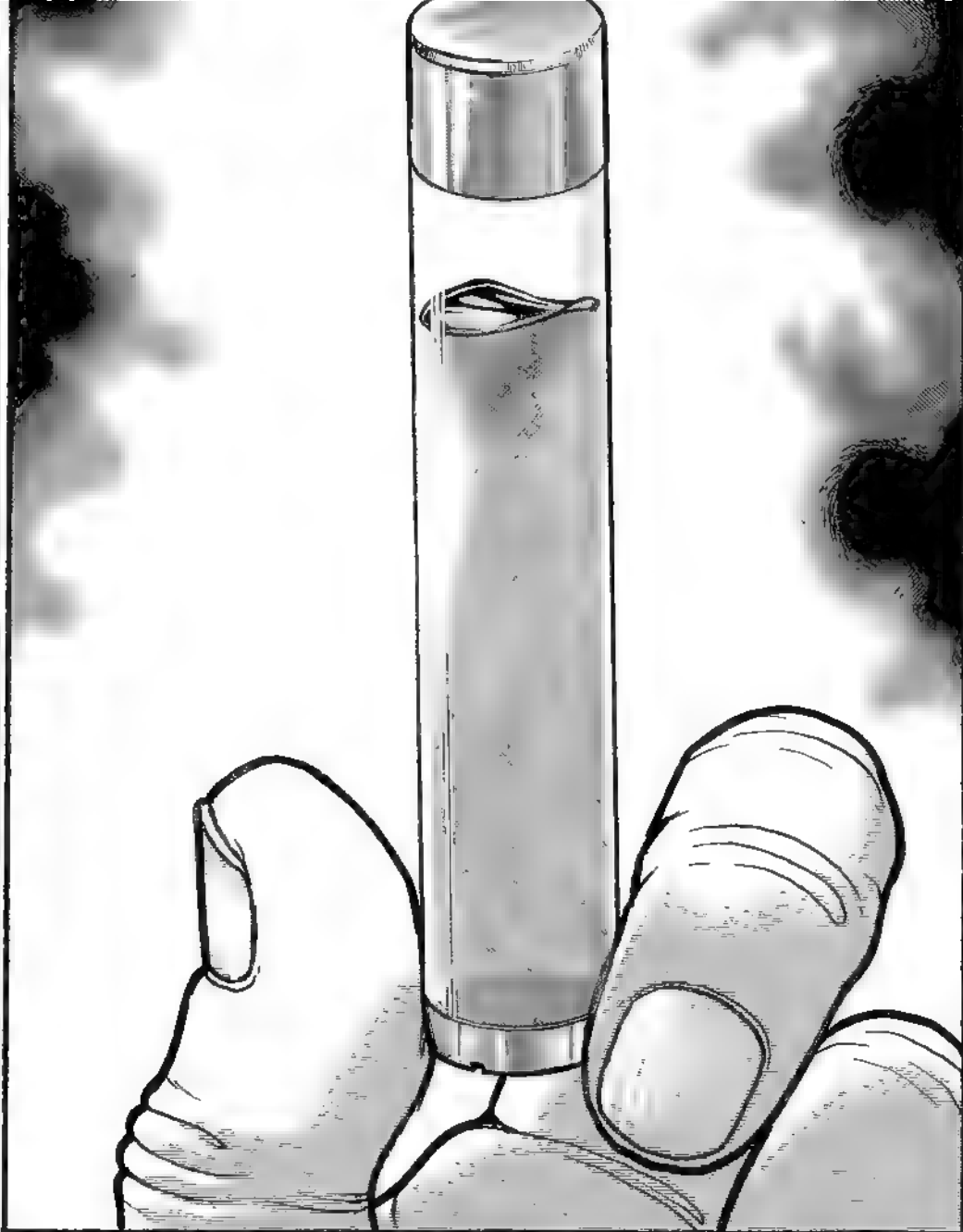








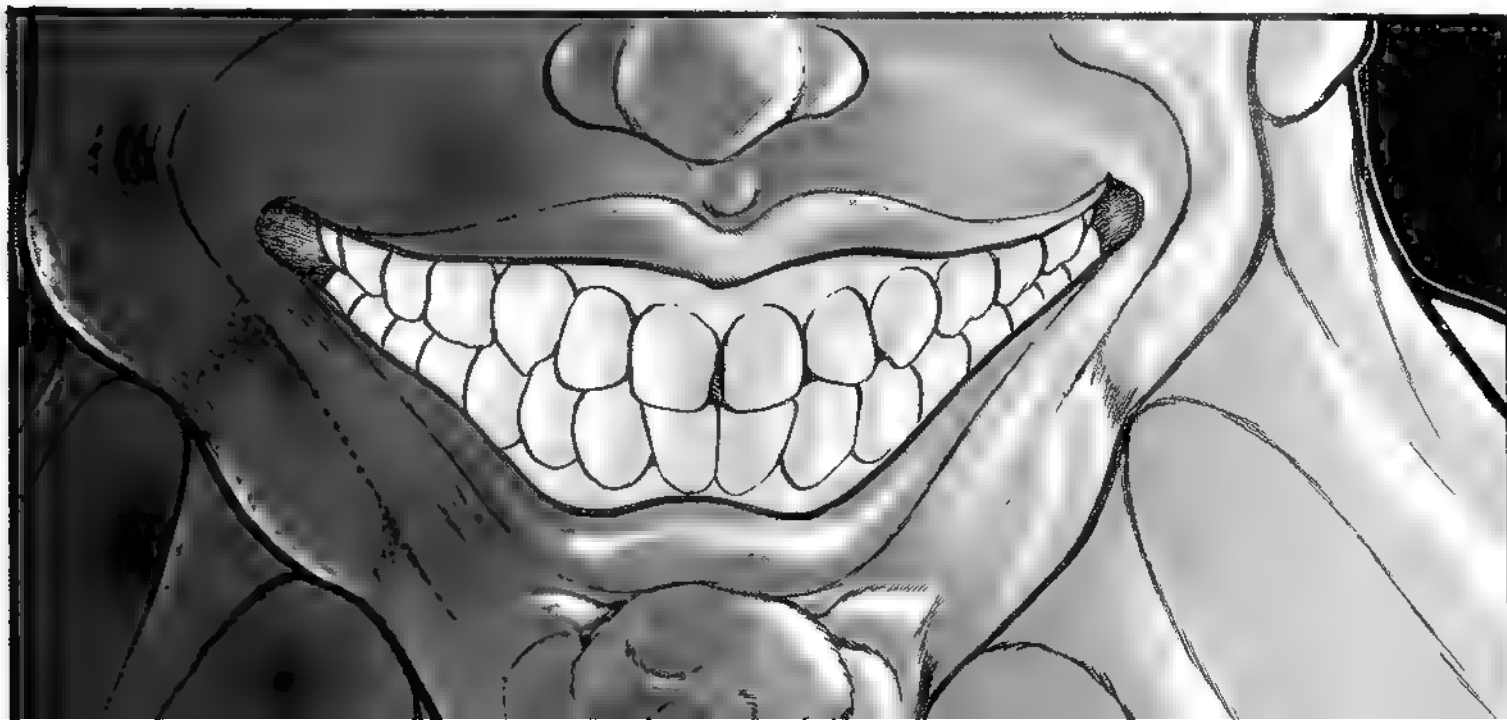










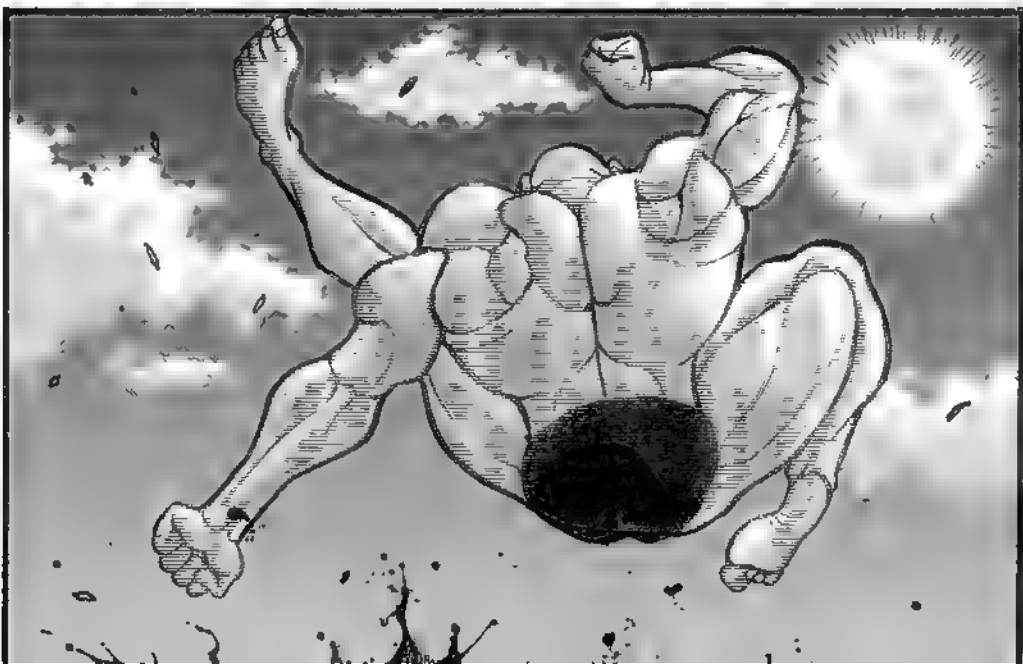
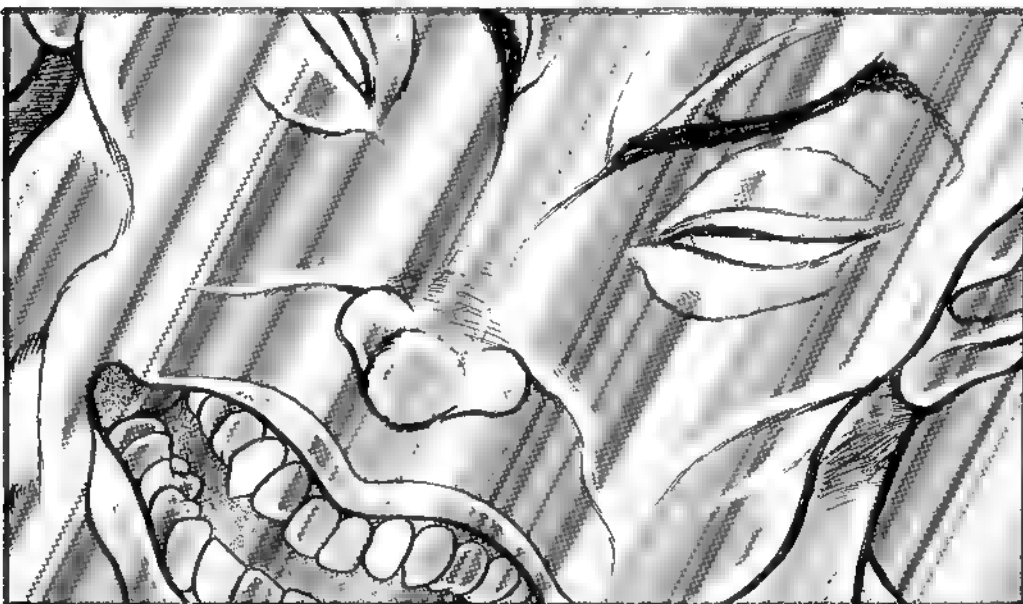
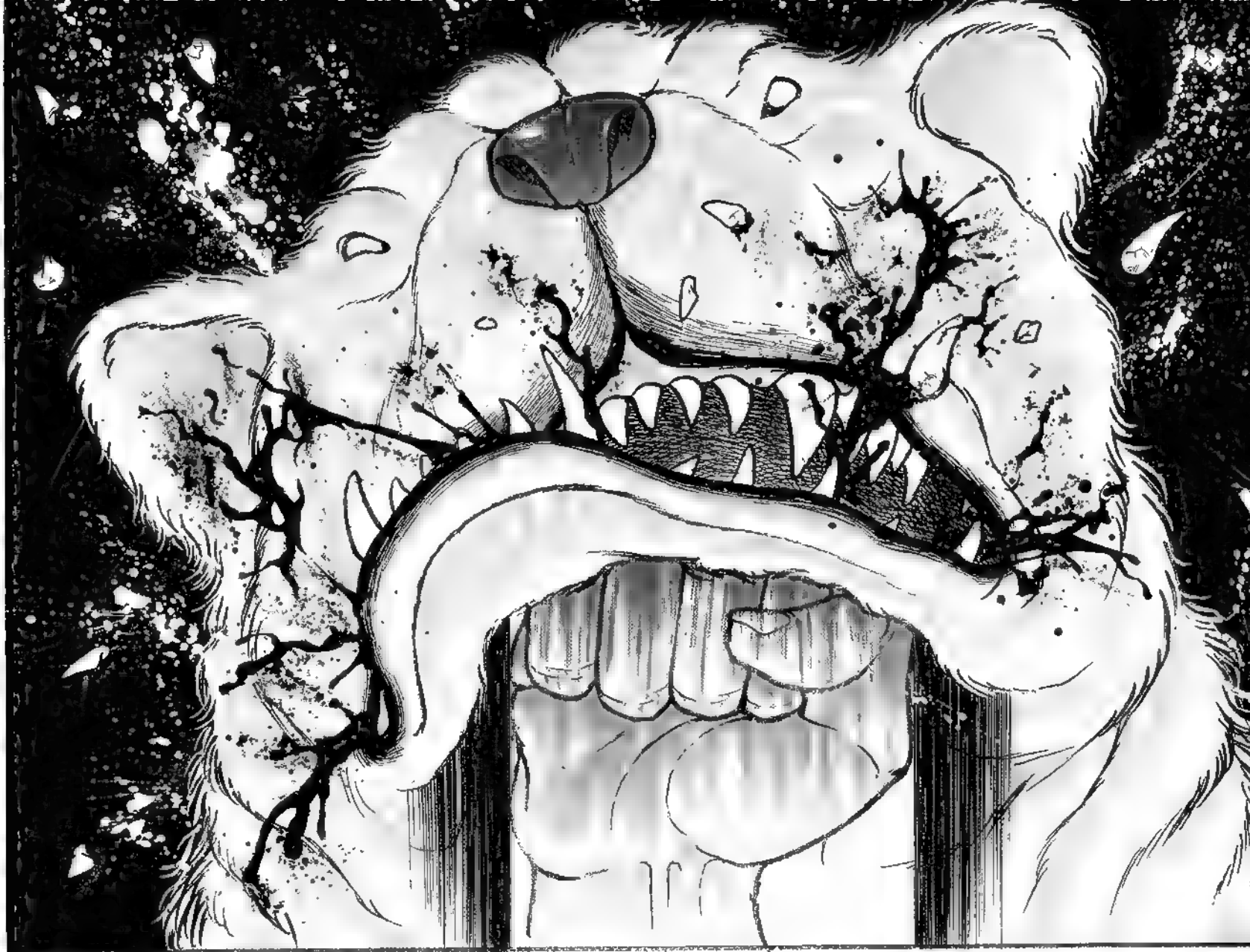






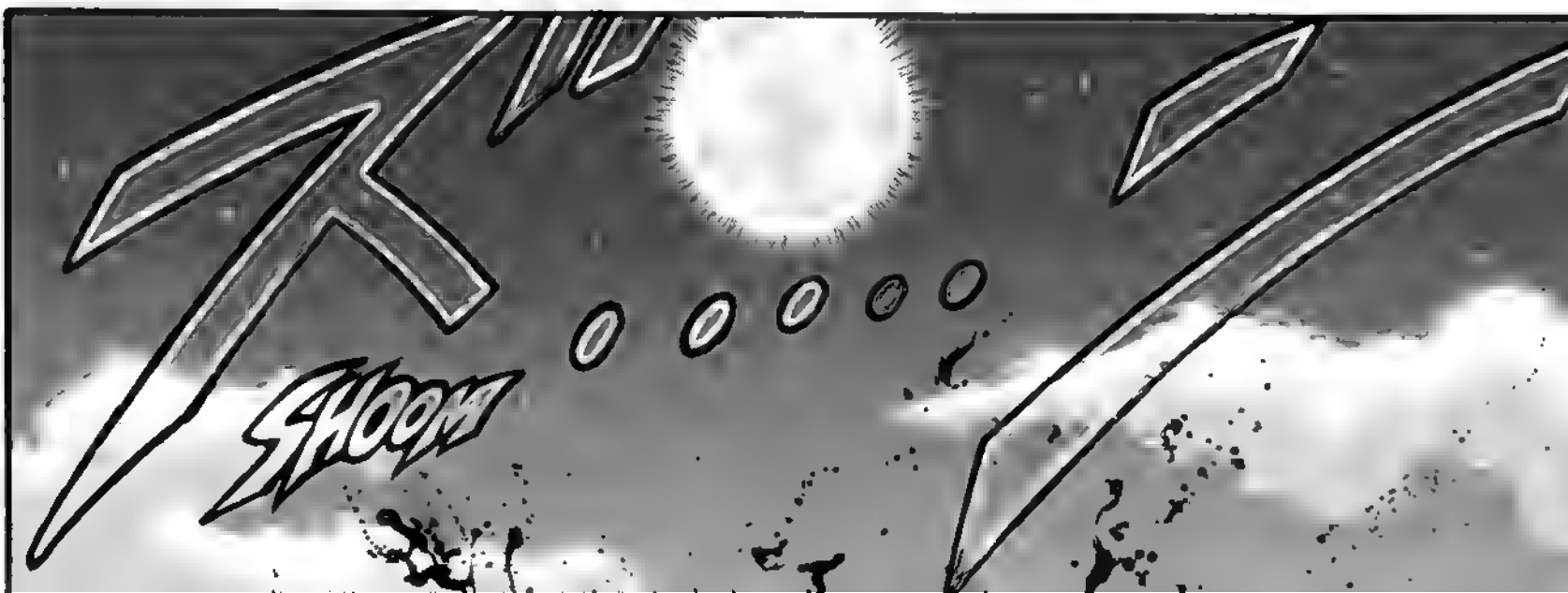
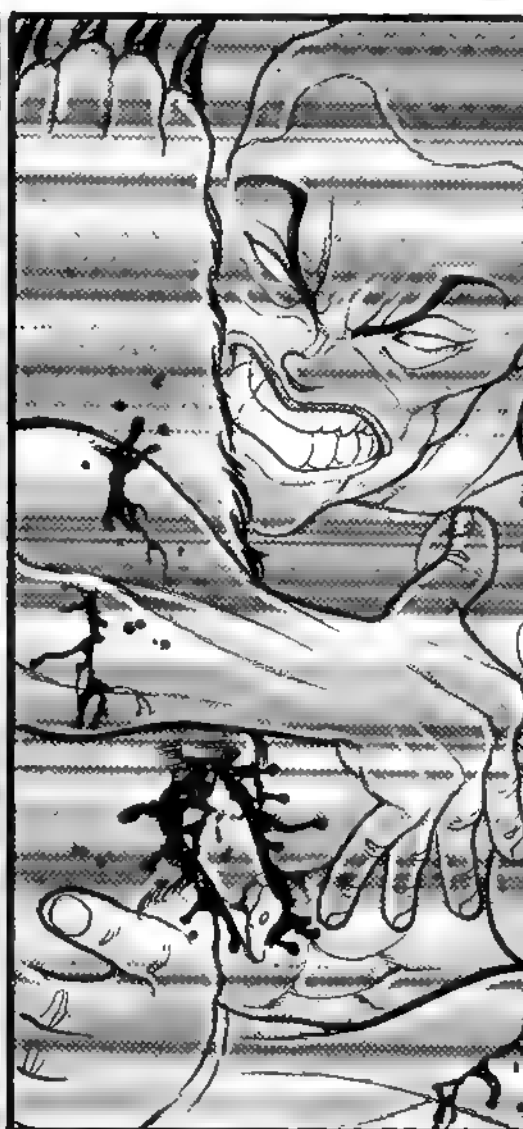
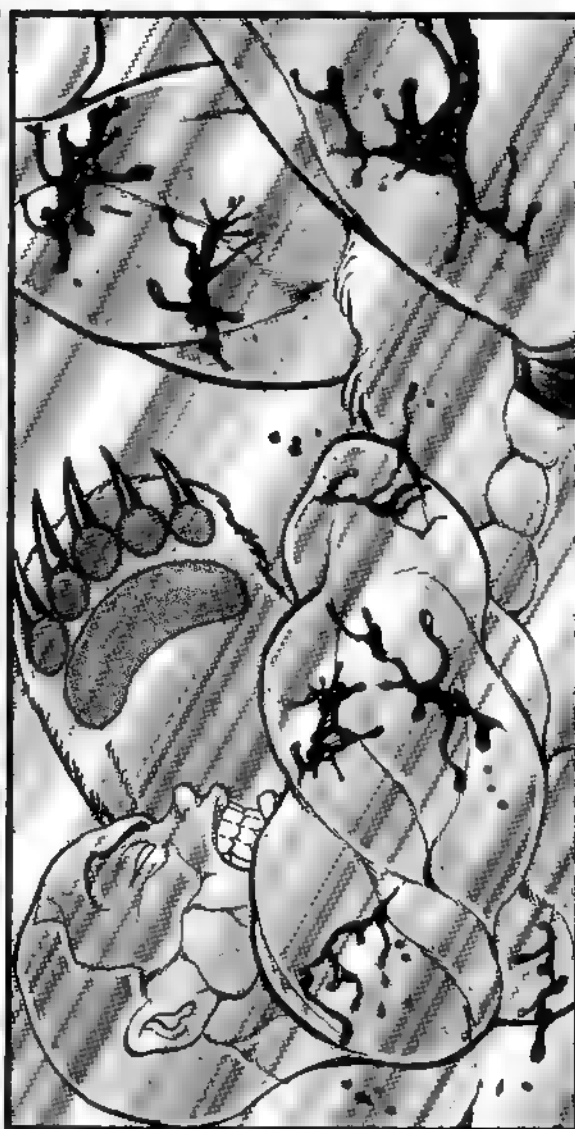


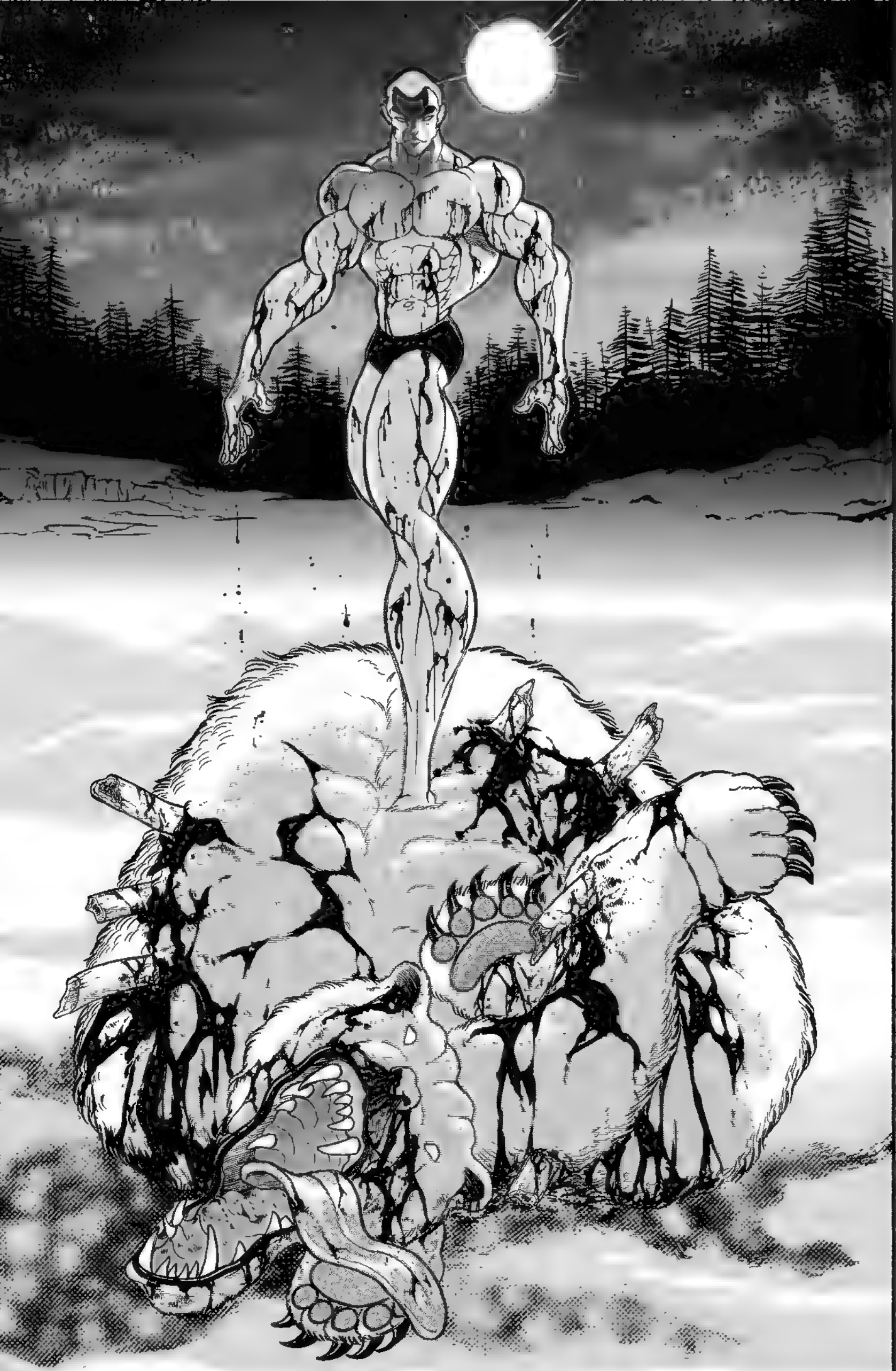




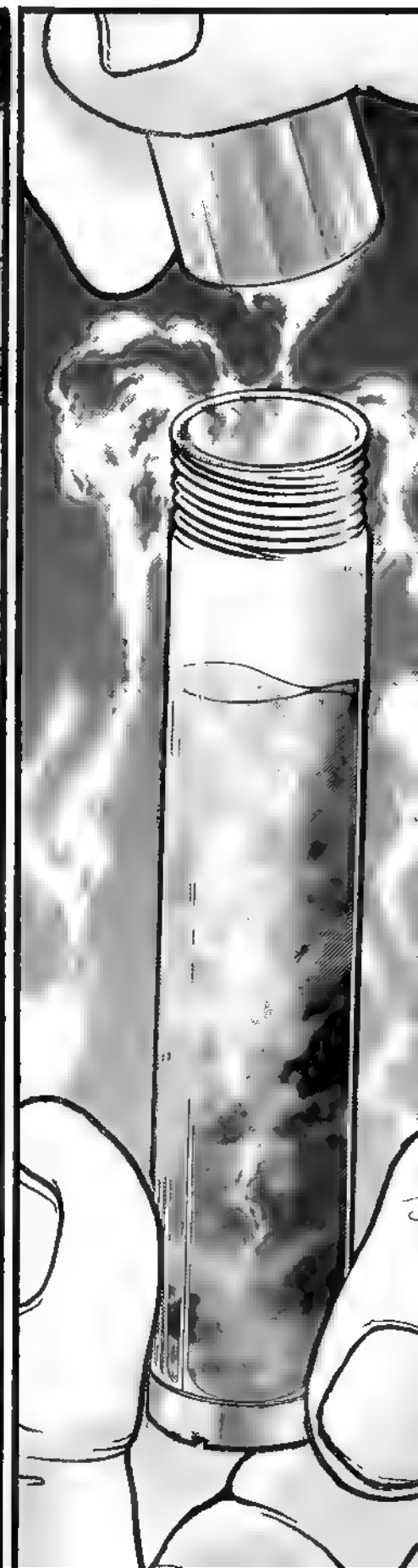
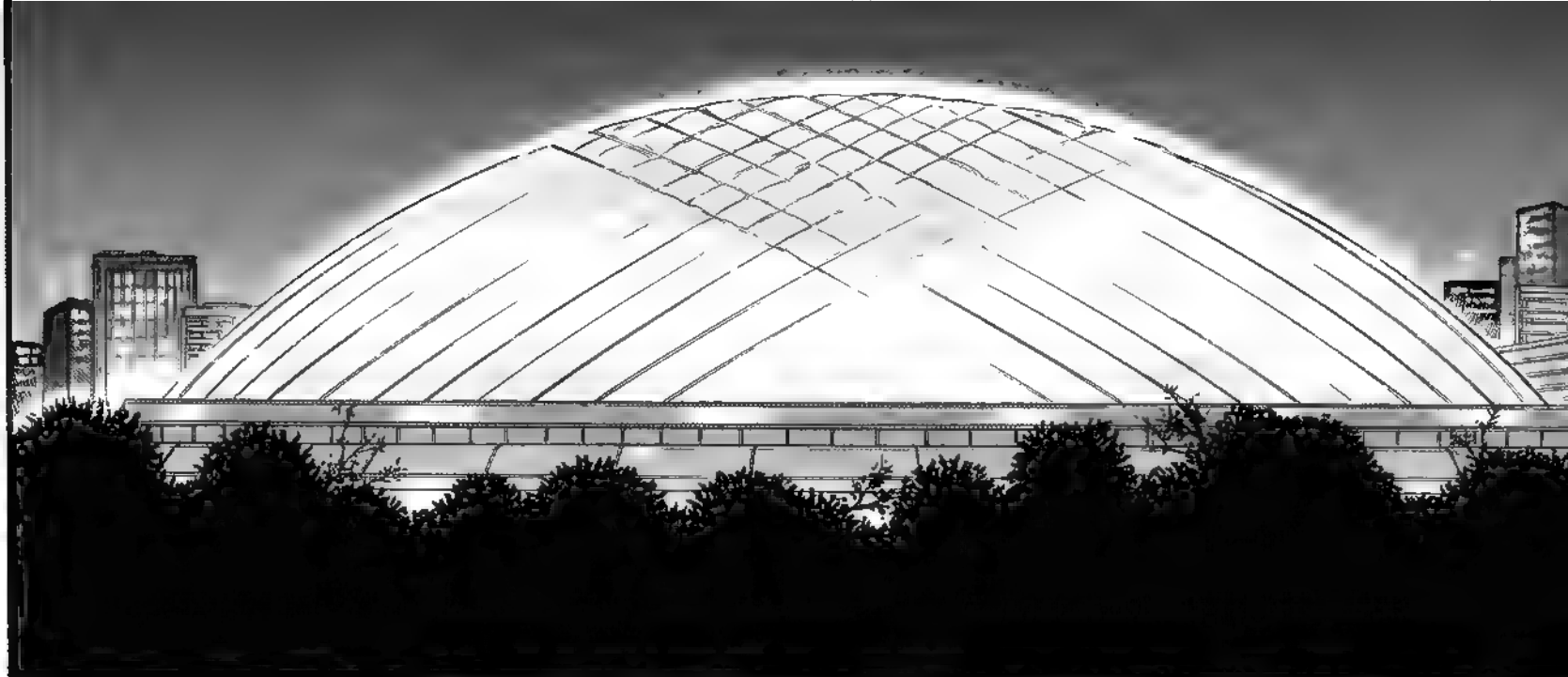












**#339 Today vs. Today**

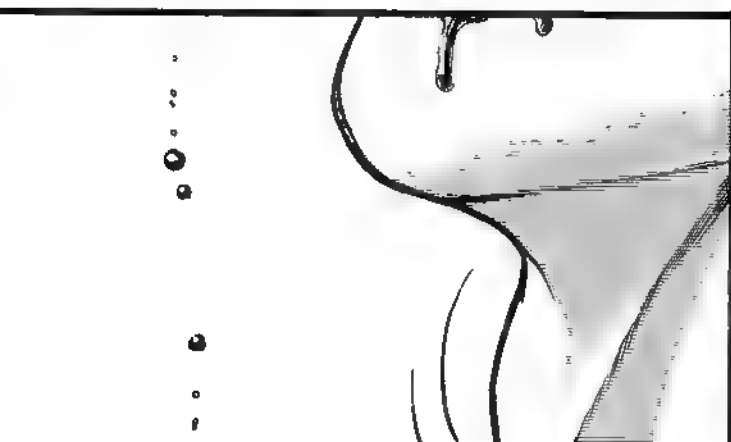
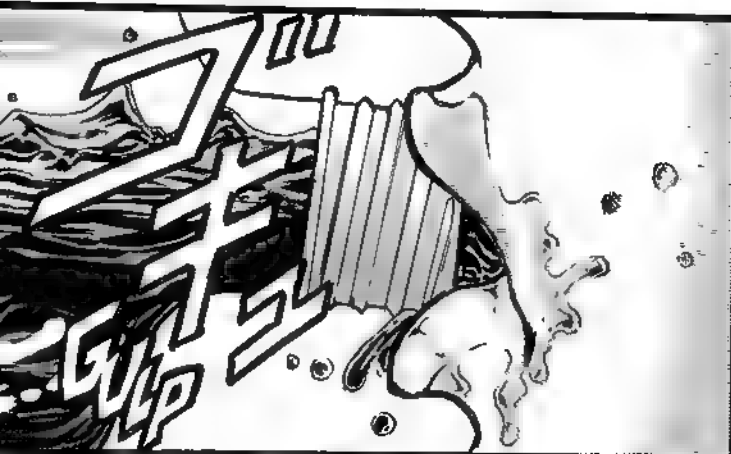








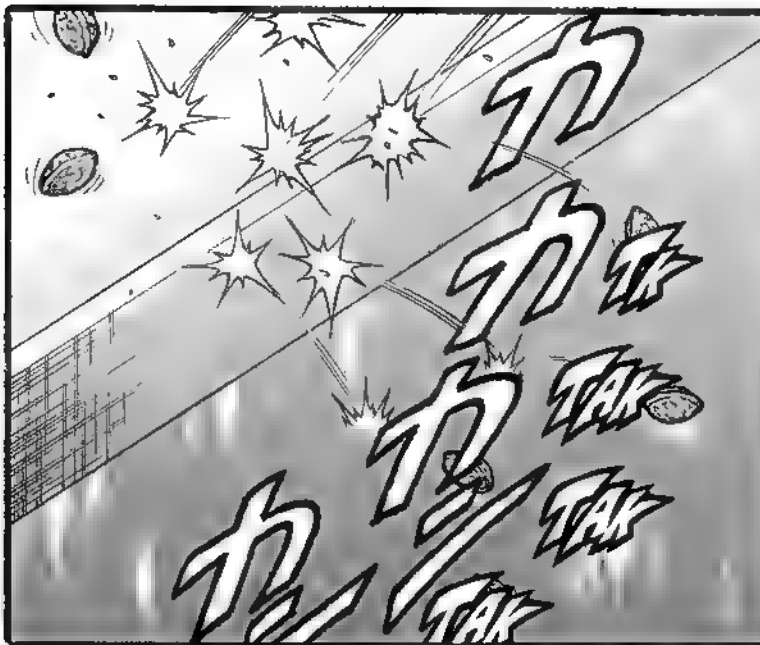
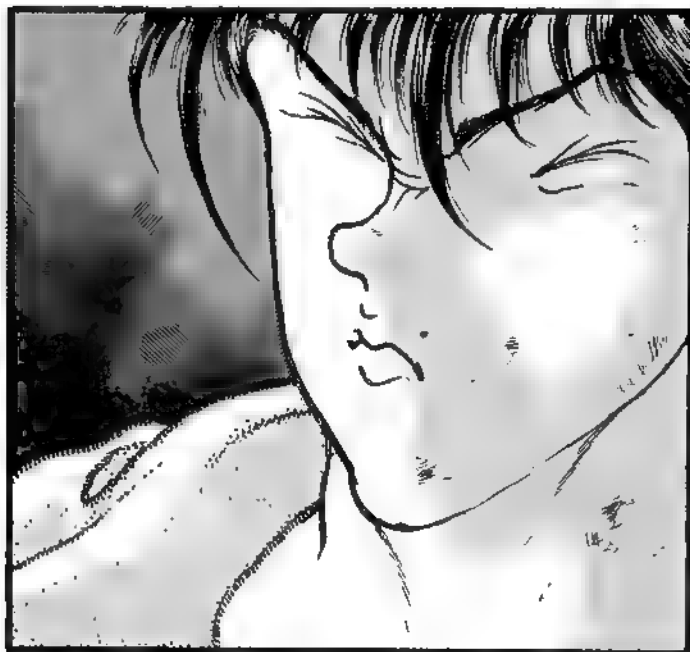








\*CAN: SPECIAL KISHU UMEBOSHI













AND BECAUSE OF  
THAT, THE CONCEPT  
OF *TODAY* CARRIES  
A TON OF WEIGHT  
FOR HIM.





I'M NOT  
GOING TO  
LOSE.



...!!!



A SIMILAR  
THOUGHT'S  
BEEN  
RUNNING  
THROUGH  
MY MIND  
FOR TEN  
YEARS.



...I NEED  
TO WORK  
HARDER  
TODAY...

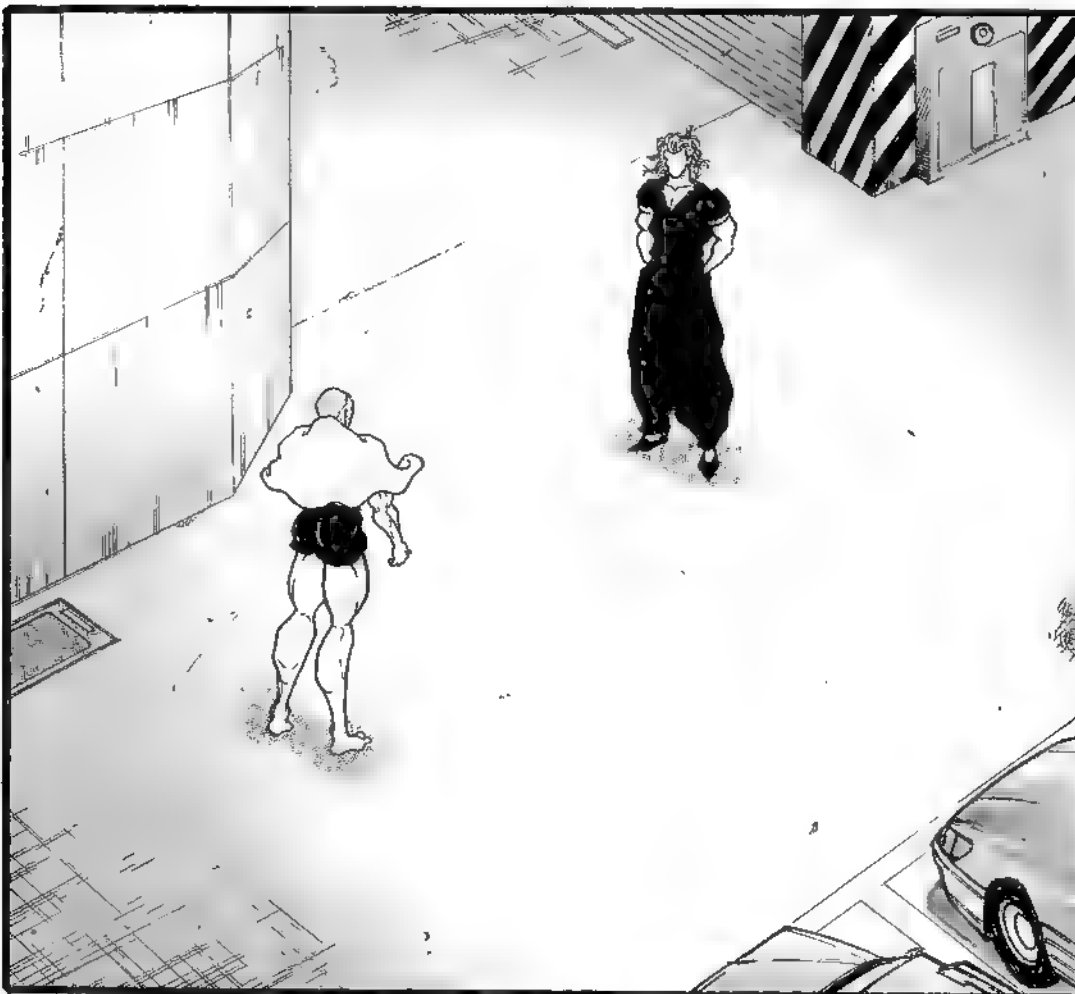
IN ORDER  
TO GET EVEN  
STRONGER  
TOMORROW...

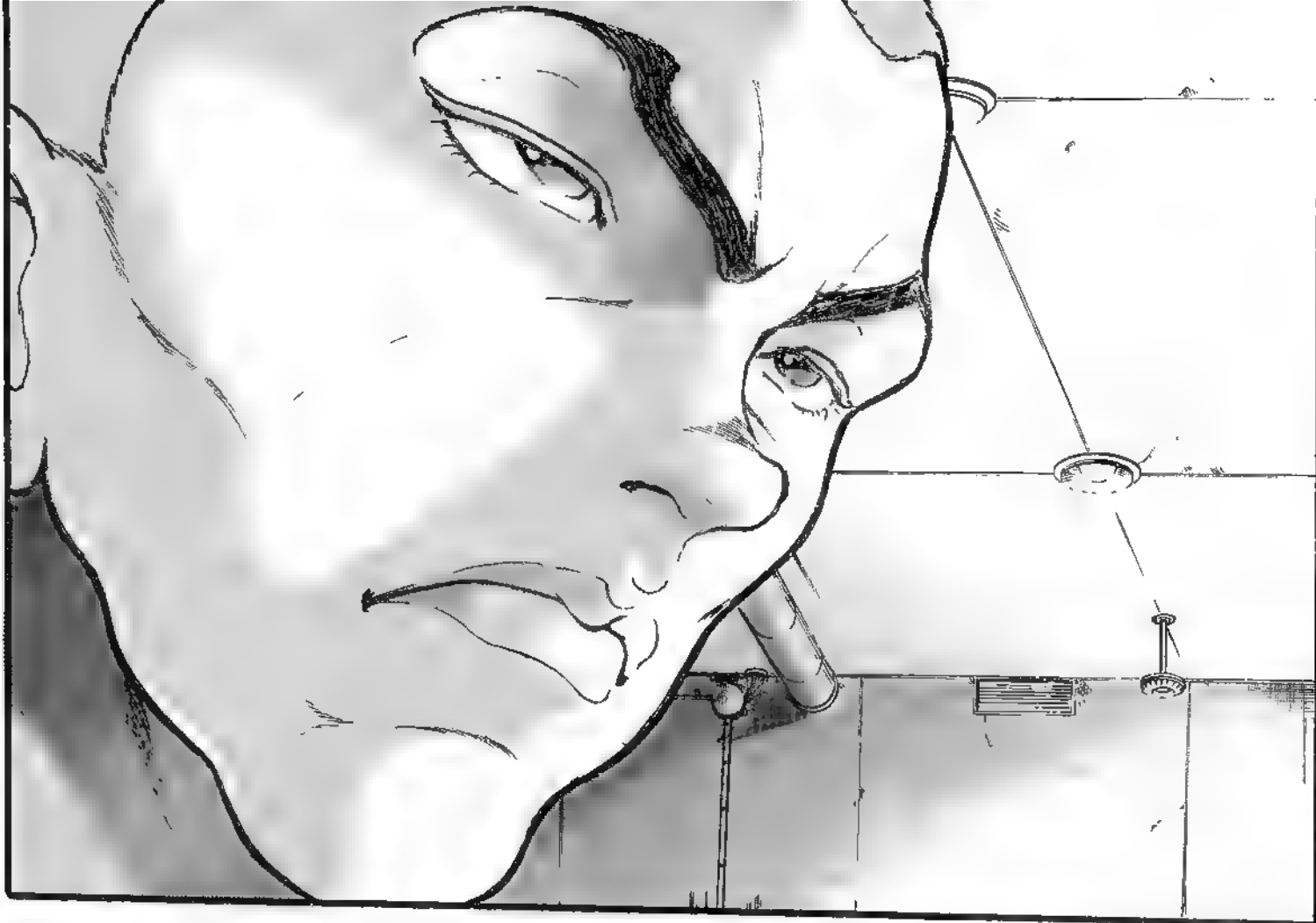


...THAT'S  
LED  
ME TO  
TODAY.

AND...











**...IS  
WHEN I  
FIGHT  
YOU.**





LEAVING  
EVERYONE  
WAITING...

YOU'RE  
A BAD  
BOY...



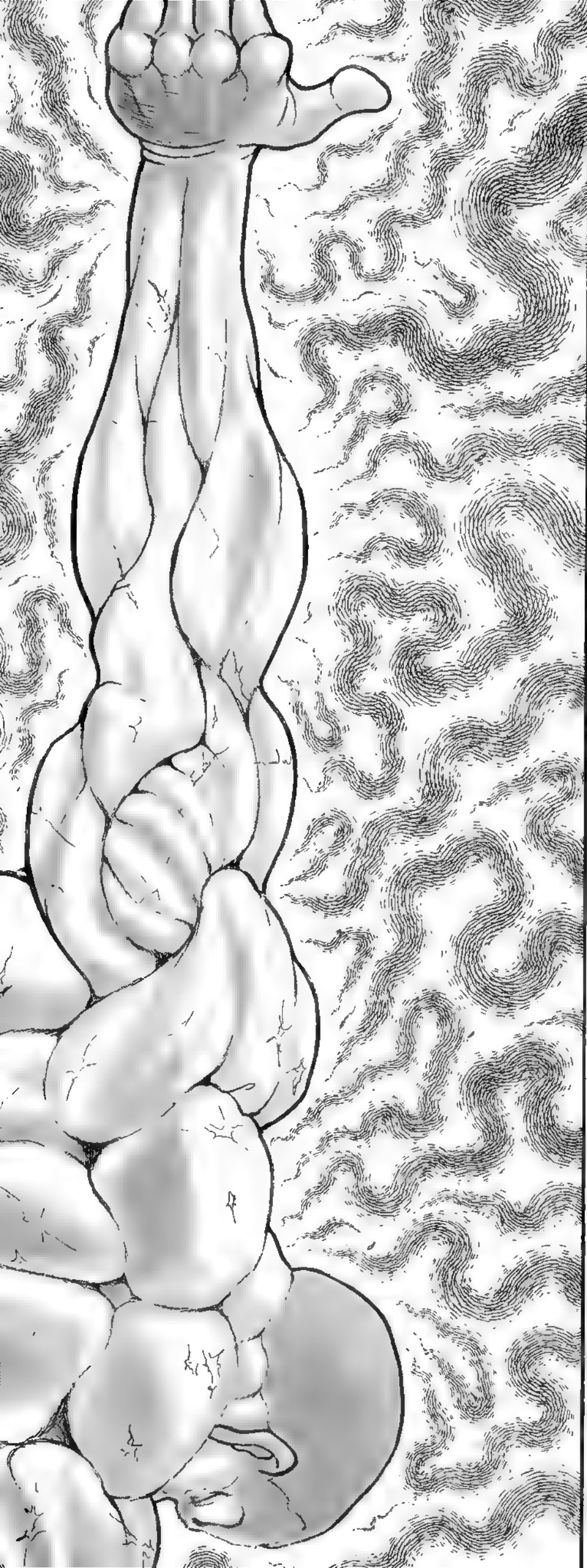


**#340 The Best Fight!!**













YOU...





WHY  
DID YOU  
STOP?

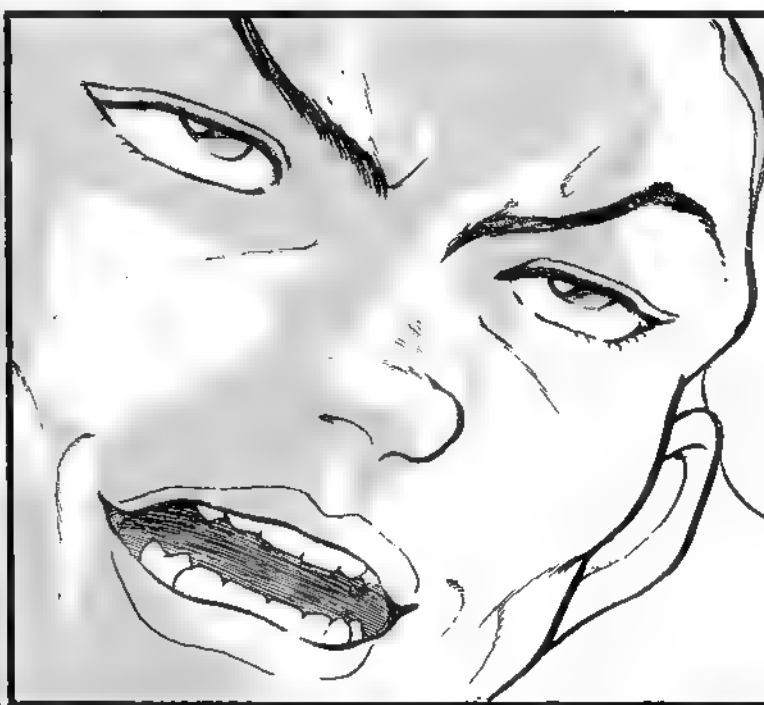




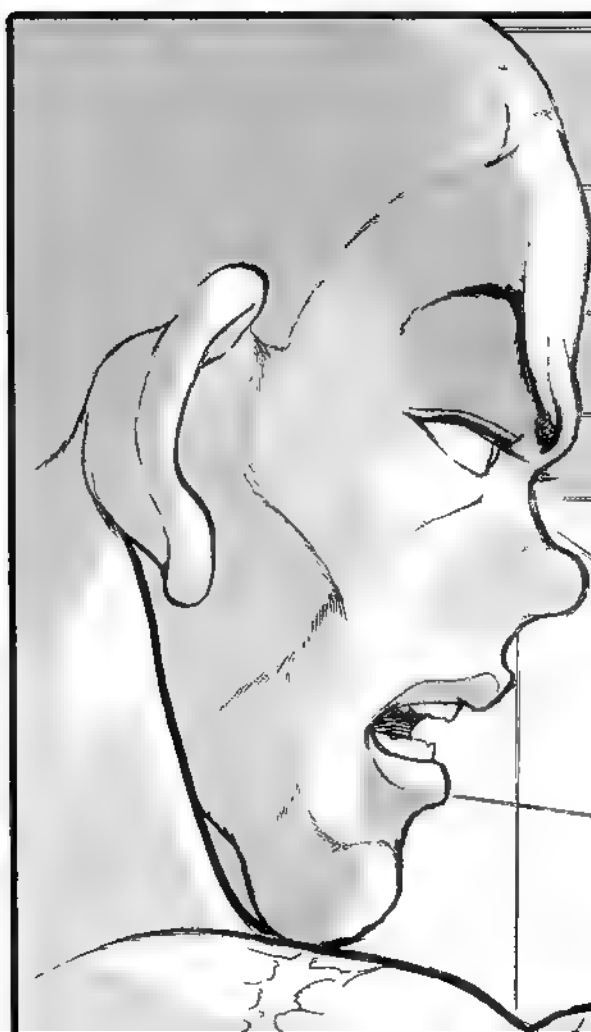
...I'LL COME  
BACK HERE.



AFTER I'M  
THROUGH WITH  
MY MATCH...



ONCE I  
BEAT YOUR  
SON, BAKI  
HANMA...



...YOU'LL  
ACCEPT MY  
CHALLENGE.









**...BETWEEN  
BROTHERS  
IN THE  
HISTORY  
OF THE  
WORLD!!**

**IT  
WILL  
BE THE  
BEST  
FIGHT...**

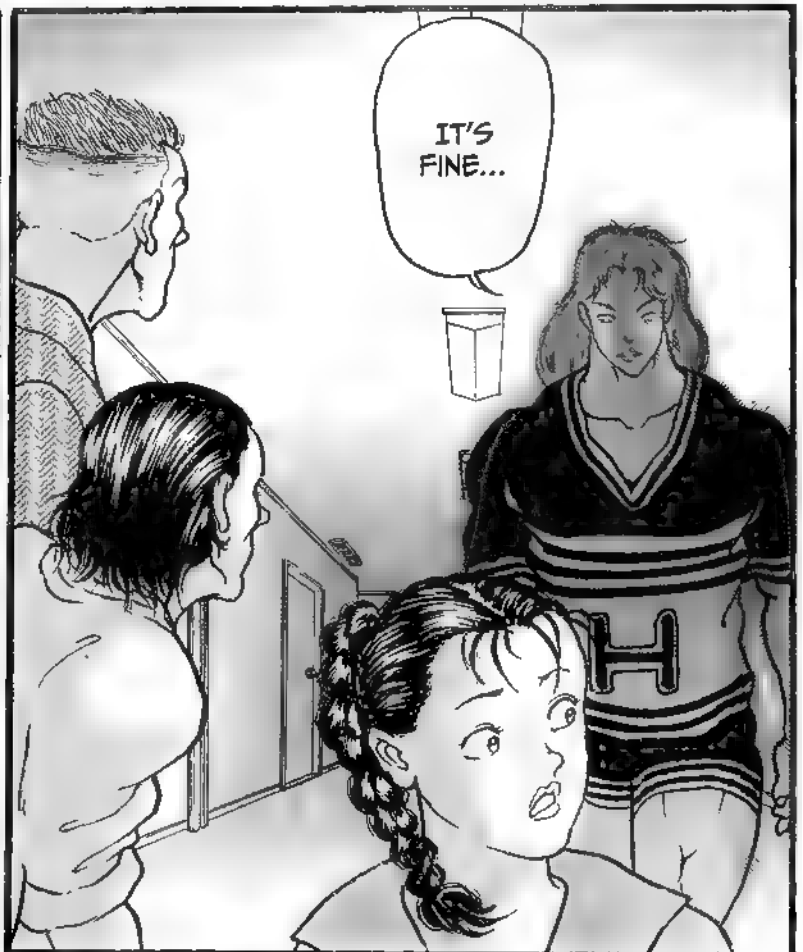


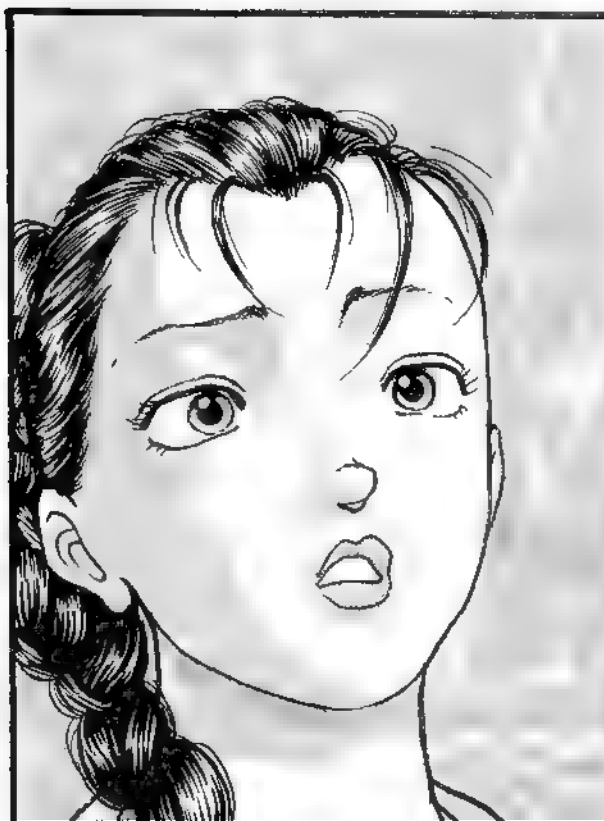




IT ALMOST  
LOOKS LIKE  
STEAM.











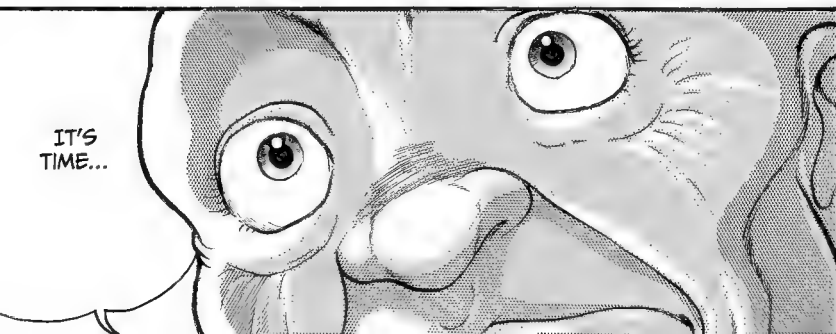
EVEN  
SO...

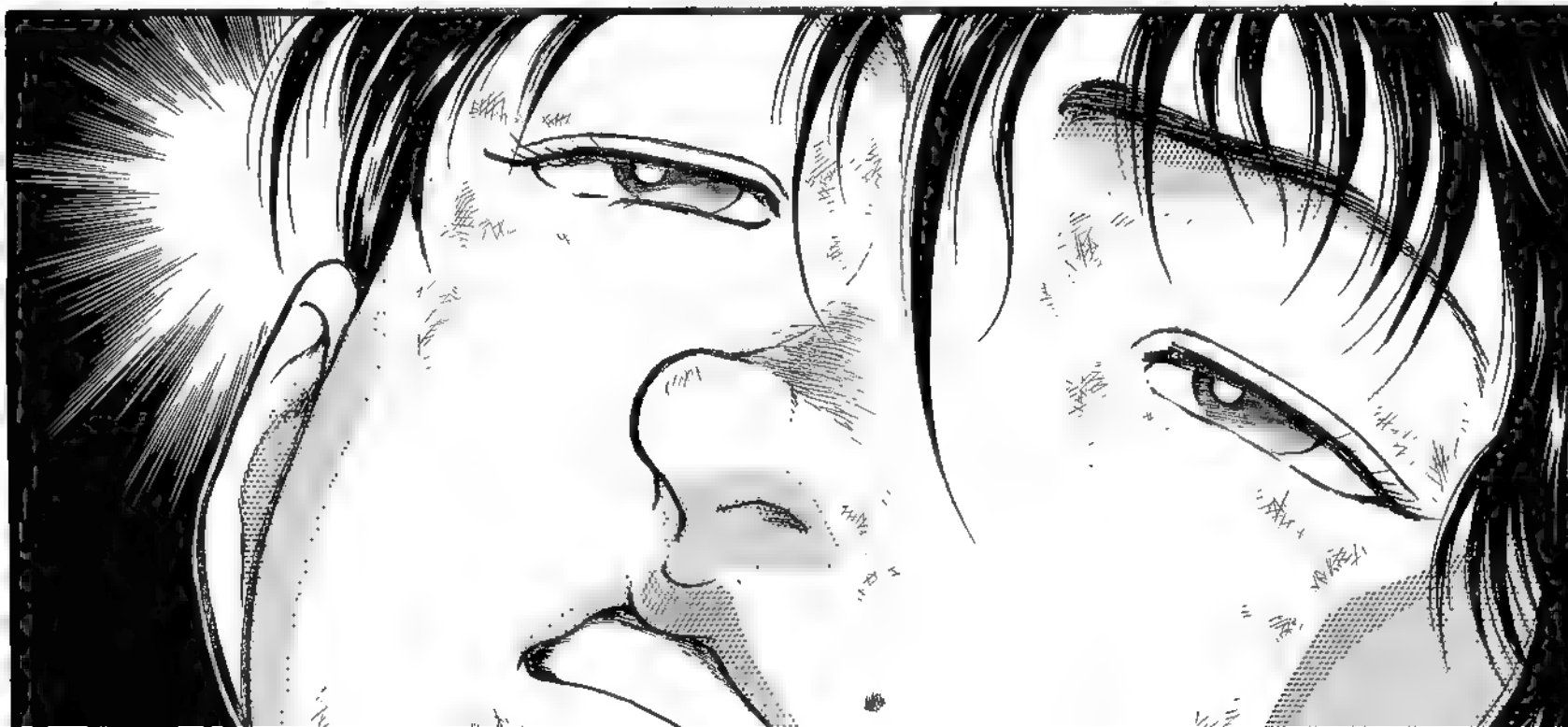


THEY KNOW  
WHAT THIS  
FIGHT  
MEANS.



...I  
**CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
HE'S  
SLEEPING  
SO PEACE-  
FULLY...**







#341 Two Dumbasses!!





**...TO  
BE THE  
STRONGEST  
ON EARTH  
?!!!**

**WHAT IS SO  
WRONG WITH  
ASPIRING...**







...HAS NEVER  
MOMENTARILY  
DREAMT OF  
BEING THE  
STRONGEST  
ON EARTH  
!!!

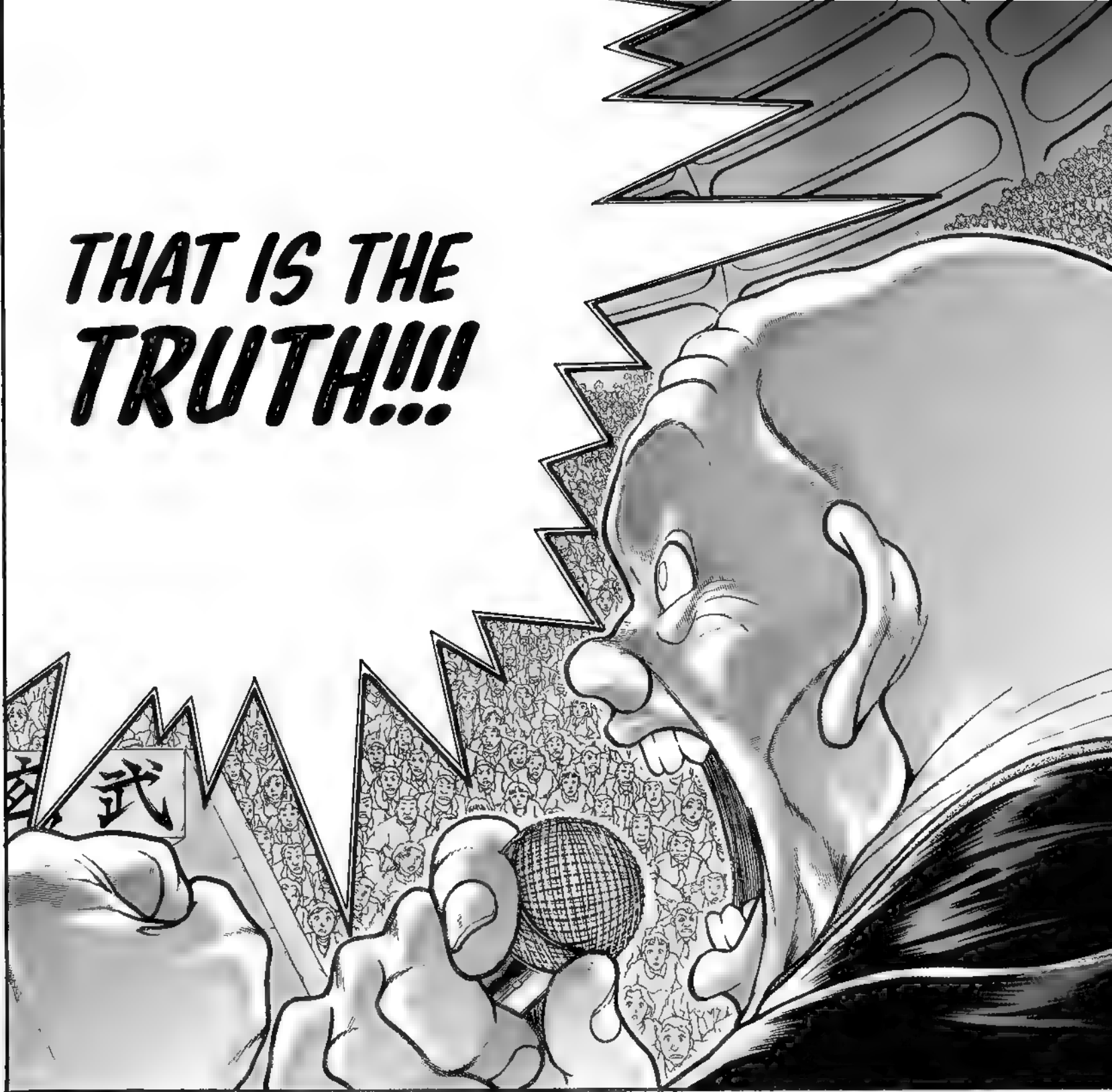
THERE IS  
NOT A MAN IN  
THIS WORLD  
WHO...



...ASPIRES  
TO BE THE  
STRONGEST  
ON EARTH!

EVERYONE WHO  
IS BORN, EVERY  
MAN WHO DRAWS  
BREATH, AT LEAST  
ONCE IN THEIR  
LIVES...

**THAT IS THE  
TRUTH!!!**



**FOR SOME,  
IT'S AS SOON  
AS THEY'RE BORN!  
FOR OTHERS,  
IT'S WHEN THEY ARE  
STRUCK BY THEIR  
FATHER FOR  
THE FIRST  
TIME!**

**FOR A FEW,  
IT'S WHEN A BULLY  
OVERPOWERS  
THEM!**



**ONE WAY  
OR ANOTHER,  
MOST GIVE UP ON  
THAT PATH, ON THEIR  
HUNT TO BECOME  
THE STRONGEST!**

**THEN THERE  
ARE THOSE WHO  
ONLY REALIZE IT  
AFTER THEY'RE  
BESTED BY A  
WORLD  
CHAMPION!**



**TONIGHT,  
WE HAVE  
TWO PEOPLE  
WHO NEVER  
GAVE UP  
!!!**



**HOWEVER!**



**THEY  
BECOME  
DOCTORS,  
POLITICIANS,  
ENTREPRENEURS,  
MANGA CREATORS,  
NOVELISTS, PILOTS,  
TEACHERS,  
SALARYMEN  
!**



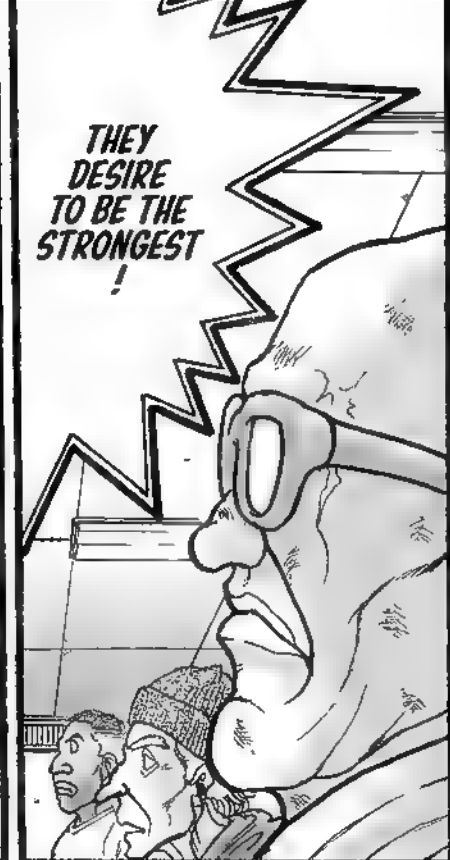


***TWO OF  
THE GREATEST  
DUMBASSES  
AROUND!!!***





AND IT'S  
TIME FOR  
THEIR...



THEY  
DESIRE  
TO BE THE  
STRONGEST  
!



MORE  
THAN  
ANYONE  
WHO  
EXISTS!



MORE  
THAN  
ANYONE  
ON  
EARTH!



...FINAL  
MATCH  
!!!

FASH

***BRING  
IN...***





**...THE  
FIGHTERS  
!!!**



**THE FIGHTER,  
BAKI HANMA!!!**

**FROM THE  
BLUE DRAGON  
CORNER, IT'S  
THE FACE YOU  
KNOW AND  
LOVE!**







AND THOSE  
SUPERHUMANS  
WILL DECIDE THAT  
OUTCOME RIGHT  
HERE AND  
NOW!!!

OUT OF  
THIRTY-EIGHT  
COMPETITORS,  
TWO MIGHTY MEN  
HAVE CLIMBED THE  
STEEP MOUNTAIN MADE  
OF BLOODY BATTLES  
TO VIE OVER WHO WILL  
BE CROWNED THE  
STRONGEST!!!

(ALTERNATES)

YASUHIRO  
KIRIYAMA  
FRANCIS  
ZAMER

ALEXANDER  
GALLEN

MOUNT  
TOD

VILANNAI

KOSHO KUREHA GOKI ROGER DOPPO RICHARD MINORU JAGATTA JACK SERGIO MIKE KENGO KOHEI CHIHARU IRON MOKO  
SHINOBU SHINOBU SHIBU HARLON OROCHI FILTH YAMA SHERMAN HAMMER SILVA QUINN MISAKI HATANAKA SHIBA MICHAEL  
KAWA MOTO

KATSUMI ROLAND BUNNOSHIN KAORU KIYOSUMI RABERTO KAIO SERGEI KINRYUZAN IZO KANJI ROB DENTORANEE ZULU ANDREAS BAKI  
OROCHI ISTAZ INAGI HANAYAMA KATO GUERAN RETSU TAKTAROV MOTORE IGARI ROBINSON JIPIKA REGAN HANMA



**WHAT  
IS THE  
MEANING  
OF THIS?!**





**SPELLED OUT  
CLEARLY ON  
JACK'S BACK...**

**...ARE  
THE TWO  
KANJI FOR  
"HANMA"!!!**



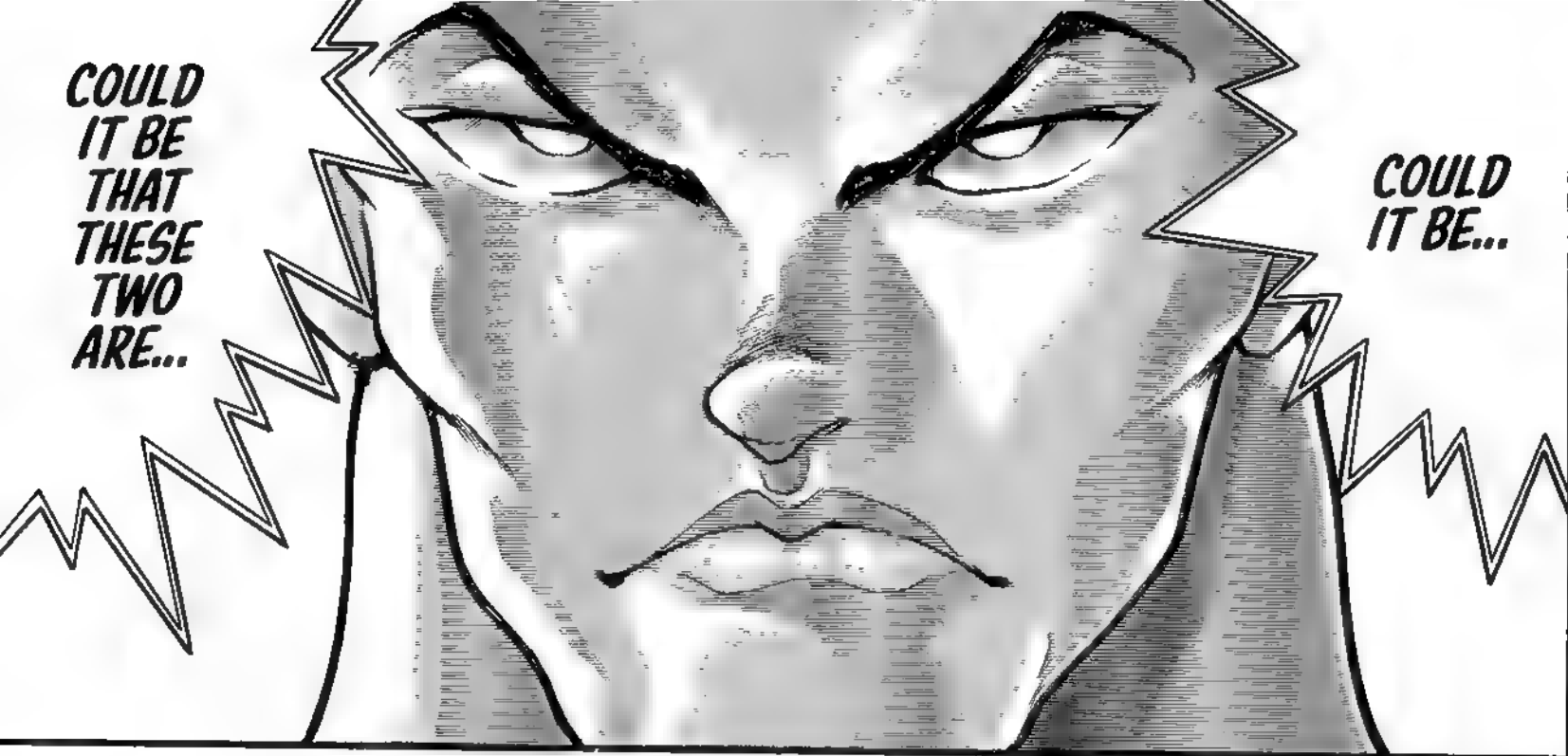
**DOES THIS  
REVELATION  
MEAN WHAT  
I THINK IT  
DOES?!**

**NOT JACK  
"HAMMER,"  
BUT JACK  
"HANMA"!!!**



COULD  
IT BE  
THAT  
THESE  
TWO  
ARE...

COULD  
IT BE...



...BR...



BAKI, ARE  
YOU...?!

青 電

BAKI!



...  
BROTHERS  
?!  
青





BIG  
BROTHER...



#342 Brothers?!



**BAK! 22 BAK!**  
**THE GRAPPLER**

THESE  
TWO ARE  
BROTHERS  
?!



I...

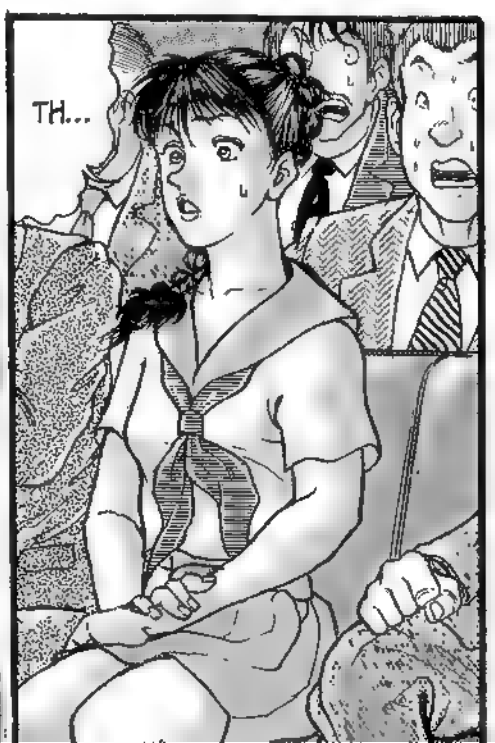
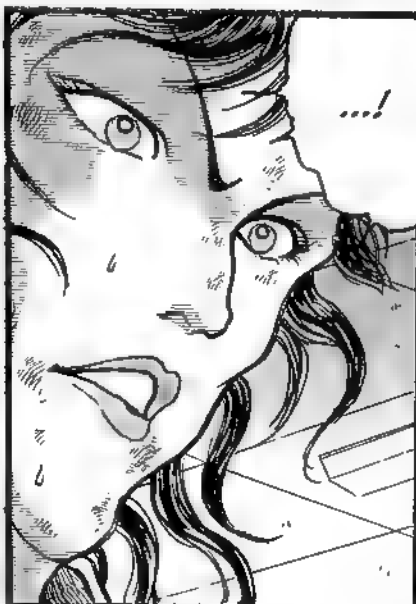


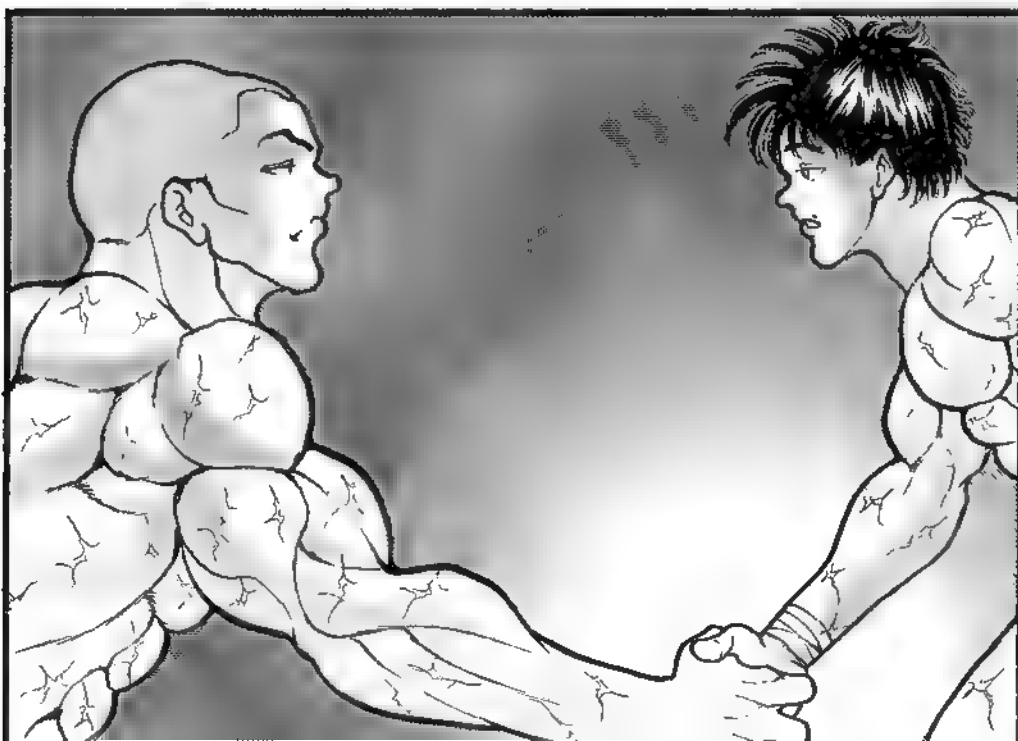




I HAD A  
FEELING  
WE  
WERE...

青

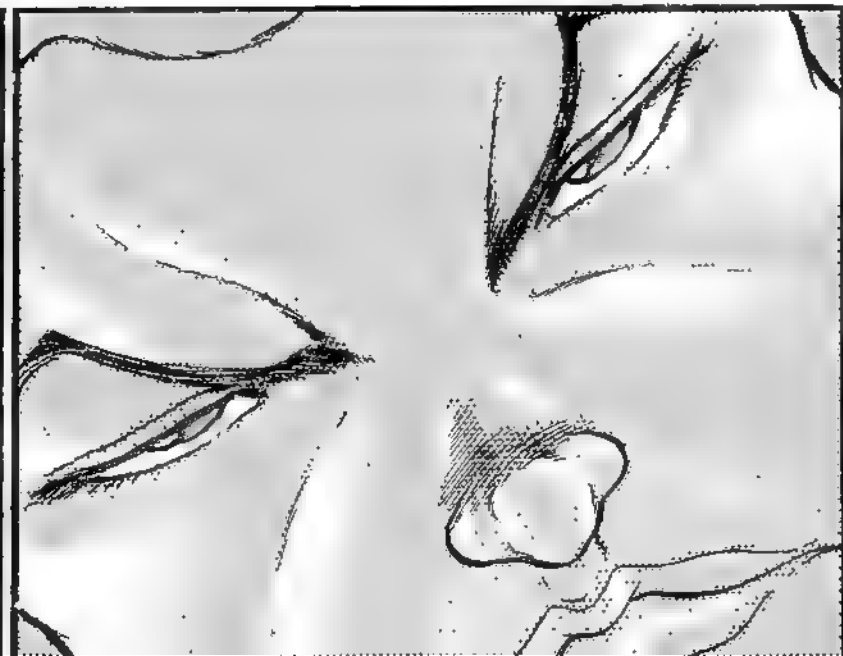
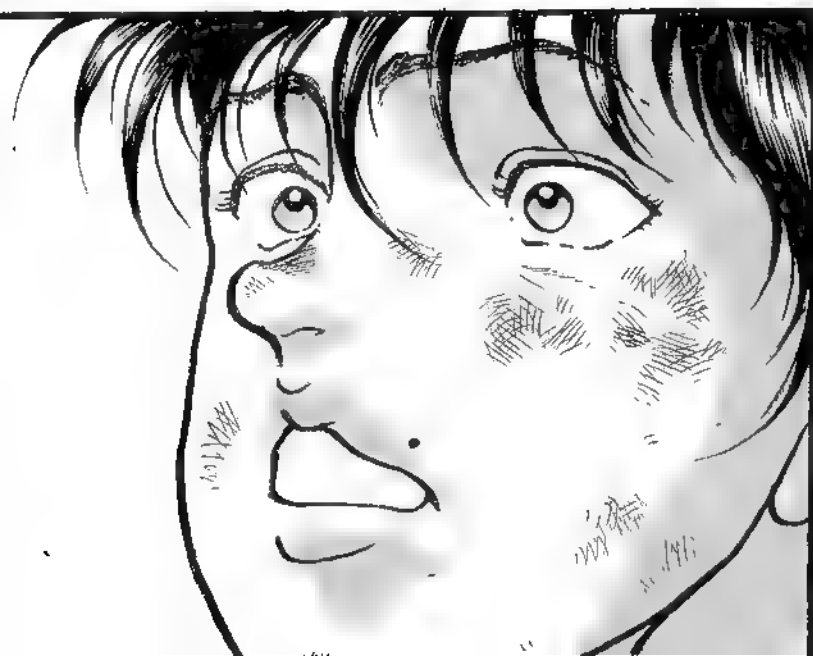




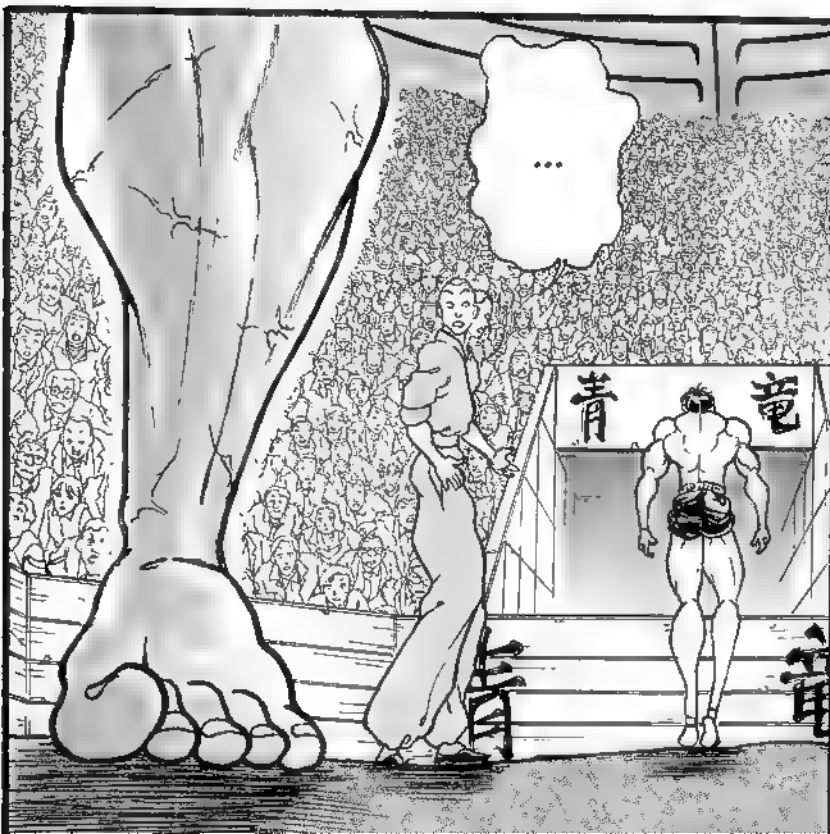


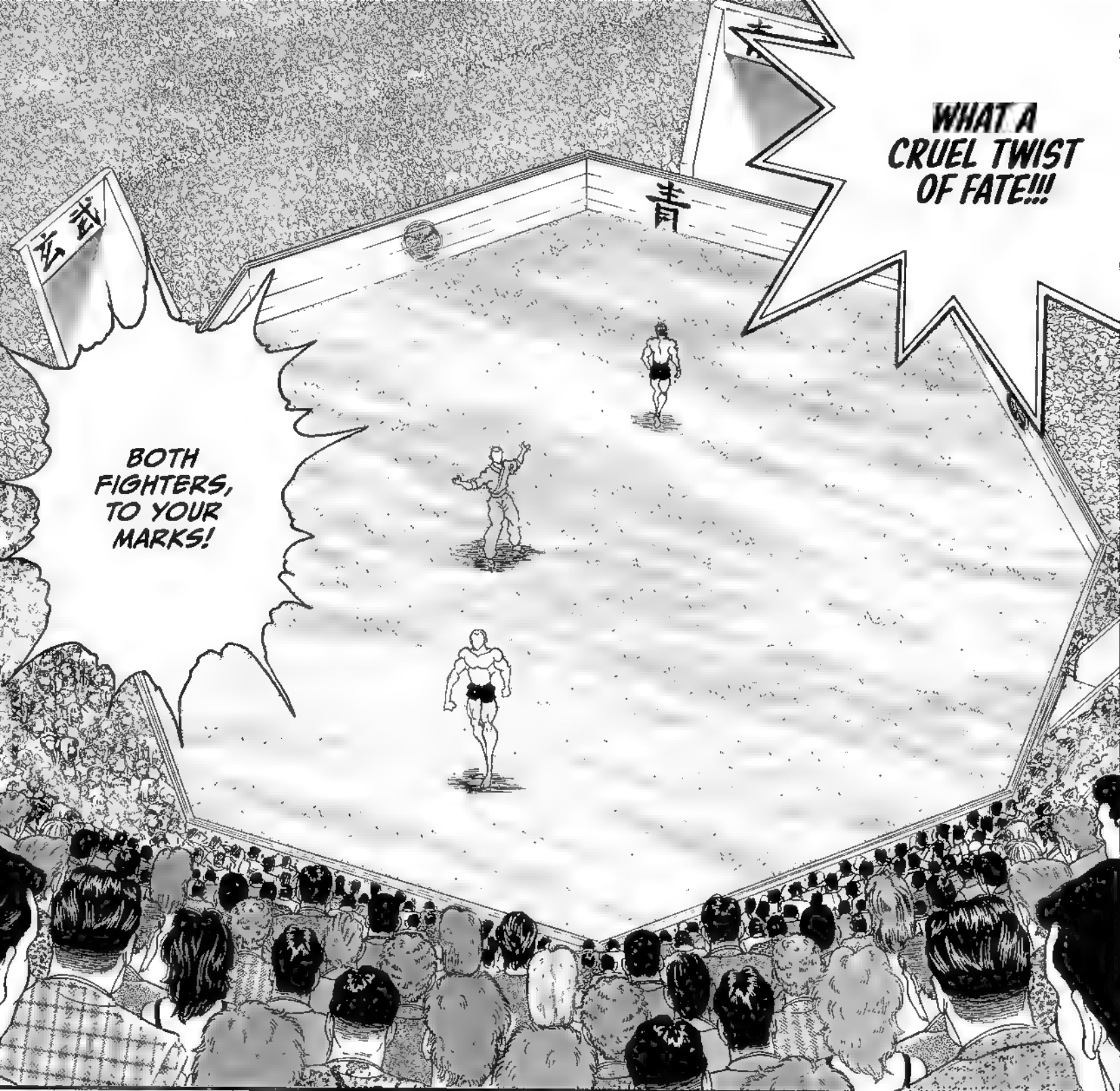












**WHAT A  
CRUEL TWIST  
OF FATE!!!**

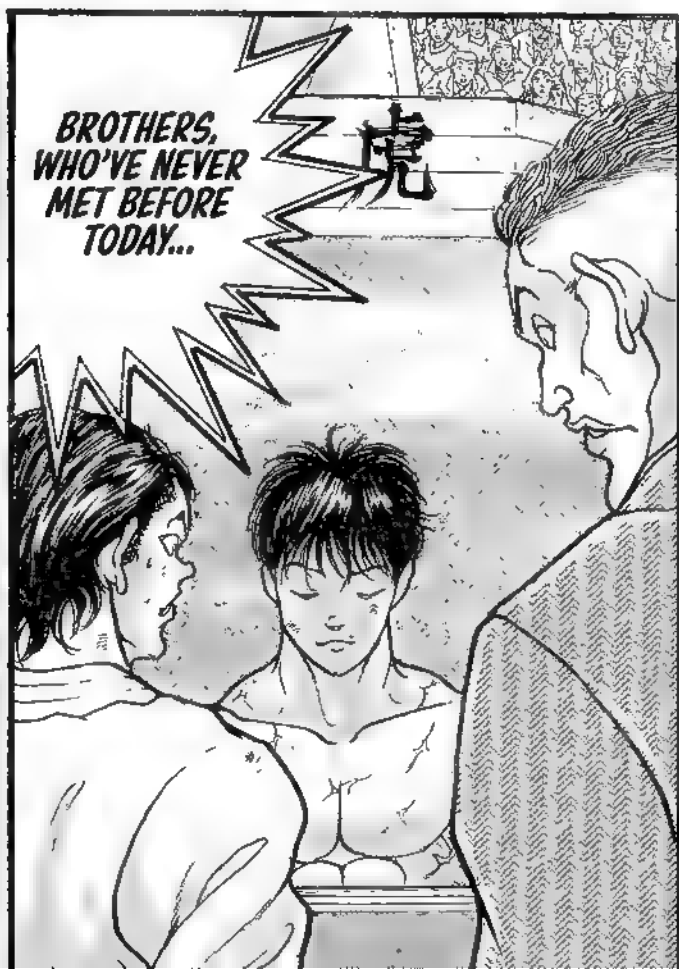
**BOTH  
FIGHTERS,  
TO YOUR  
MARKS!**



**...BROUGHT  
FACE-TO-FACE, IN  
THIS TOURNAMENT  
OF ALL PLACES,  
WITH THIS BRUTAL  
SET OF RULES!**



**I CAN'T  
FIND THE  
WORDS,  
MAN.**



**BROTHERS,  
WHO'VE NEVER  
MET BEFORE  
TODAY...**

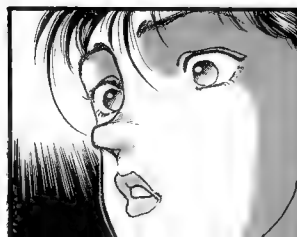
**虎**

HOW ARE  
WE SUPPOSED  
TO CHEER FOR  
THIS?!

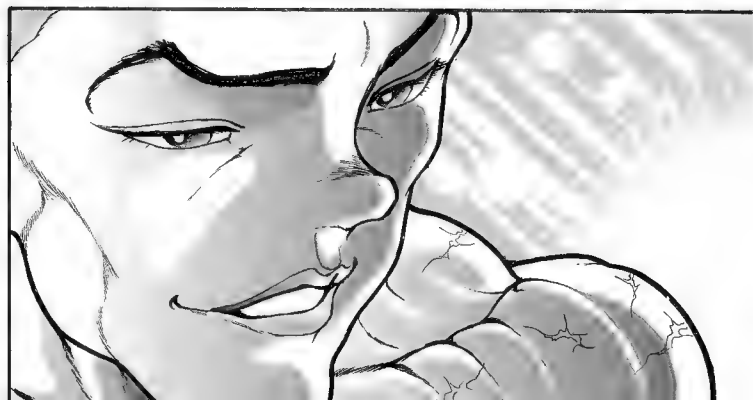
...FACING  
OFF IN THE  
FINALS!!!

...UNBELIEV-  
ABLY...

TWO  
BROTHERS,  
SHARING  
THE SAME  
BLOOD...





















**THIS...**



**THIS IS  
INCREDIBLE  
!!!**



**WHAT A  
SLUGFEEEST  
!!!**

**WH...**



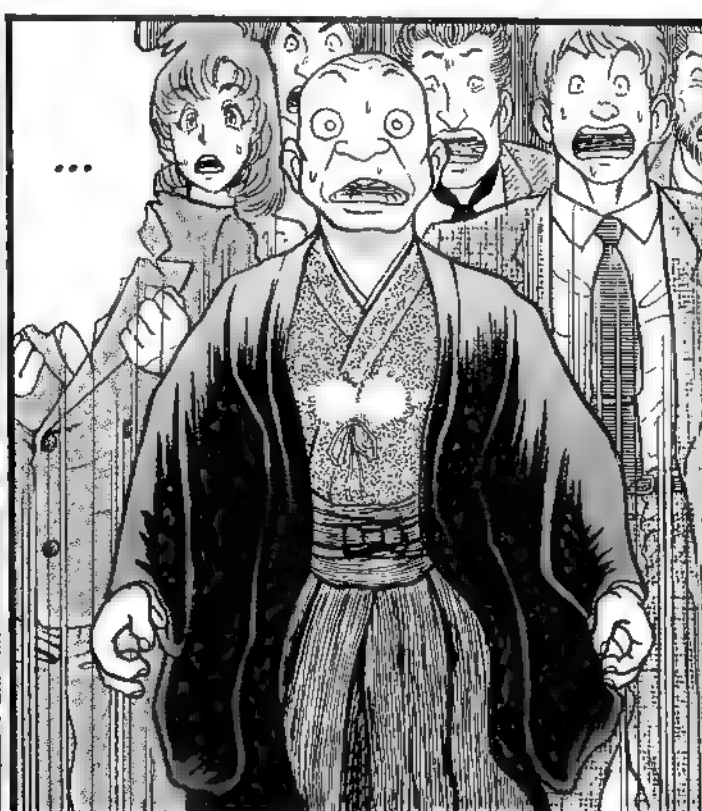
**#343 Spray of the Deathmatch**





















**HE'S  
SHEDDING  
TEARS?!**

**BAKI IS  
CRYING?!**



**...THE  
TWINKLE  
IN HIS  
EYES!**



**...I CAN  
JUST FAINTLY  
MAKE OUT...**



**ALTHOUGH  
HE'S  
SWEATING  
PROFUSELY...**







**PAIN!**

**SADNESS!**

**BOOM!**

**DESPAIR!**

**DELIGHT!**



MAYBE  
IT'S NONE  
OF THEM?!



PEE...

OR IS IT  
ALL OF  
THEM AT  
ONCE?!

IS IT ONE  
OF THOSE  
EMOTIONS  
?!



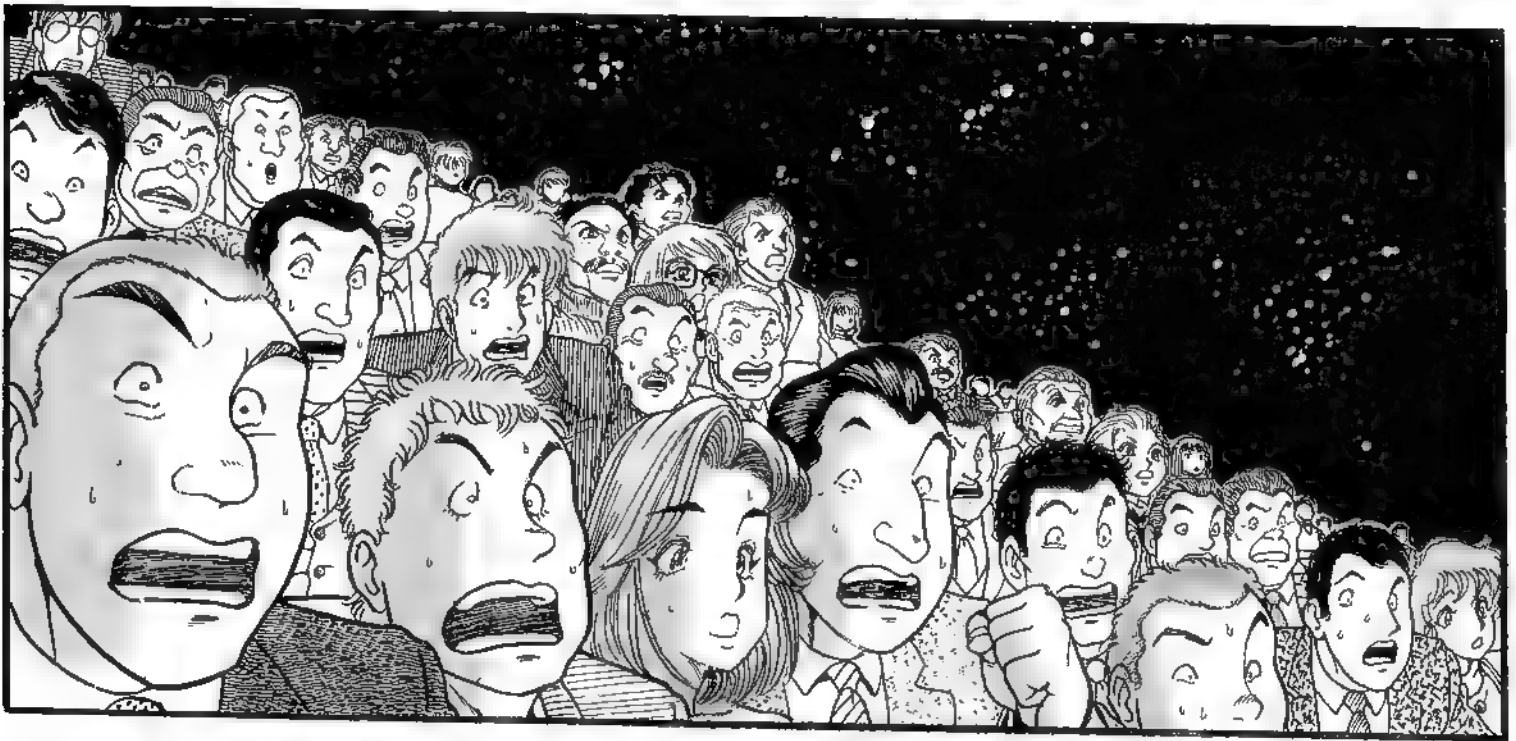






**HE  
URINATED  
?!!!**



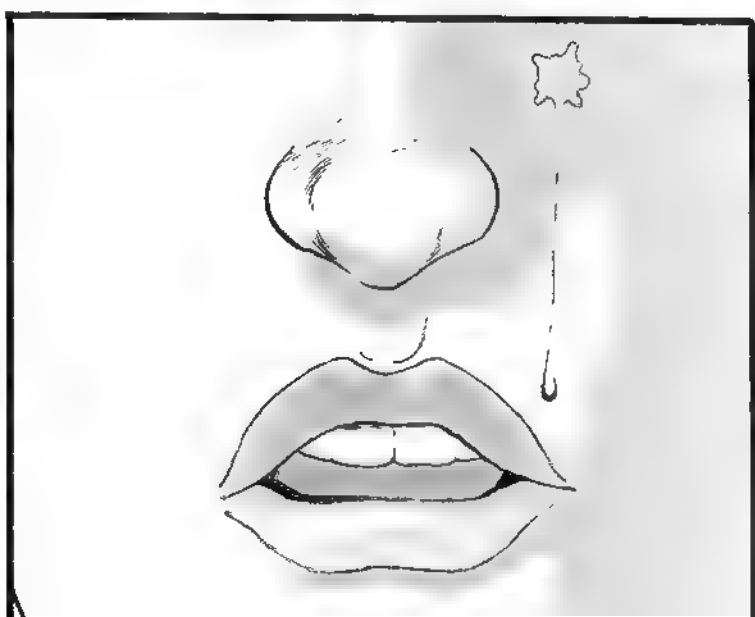
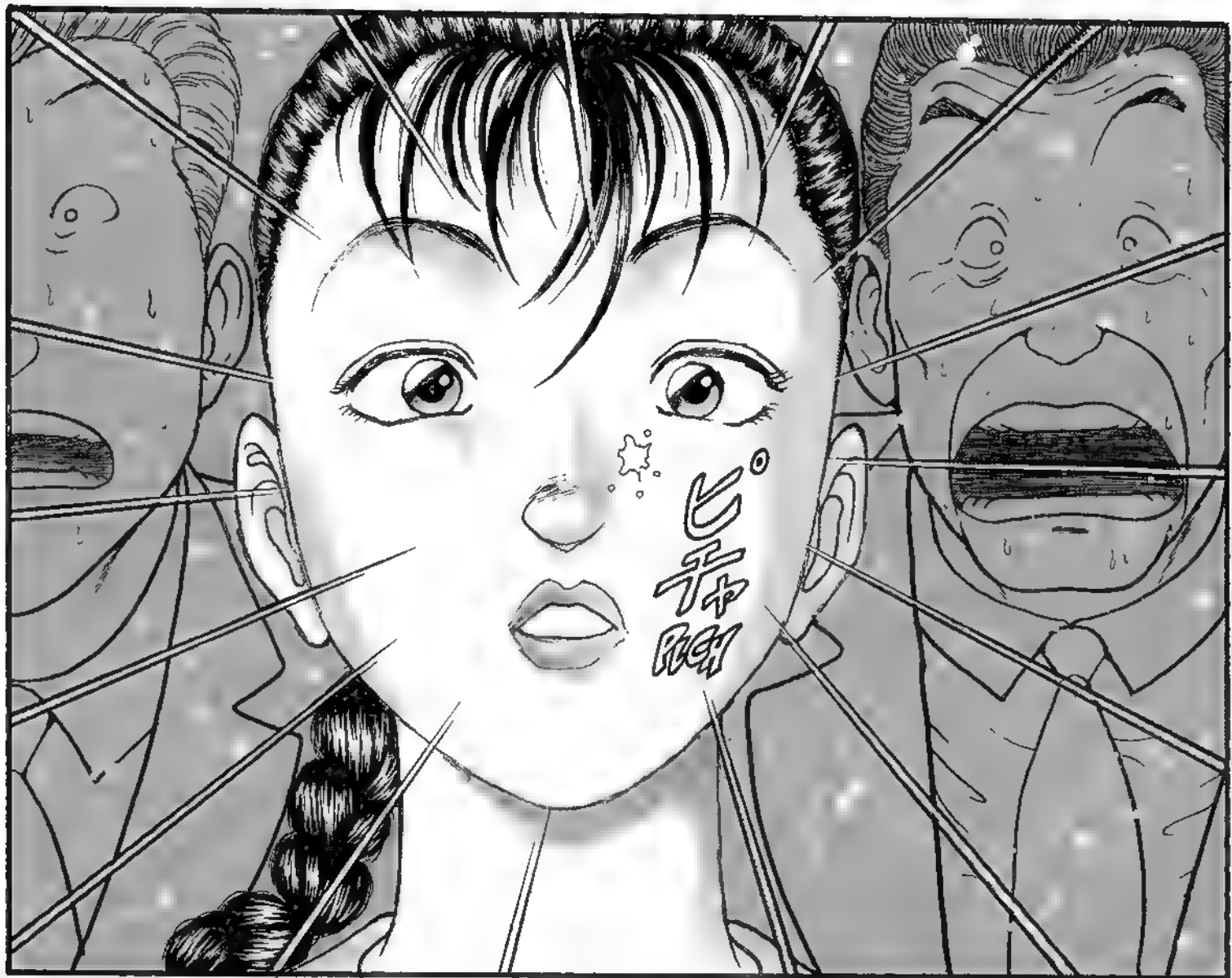
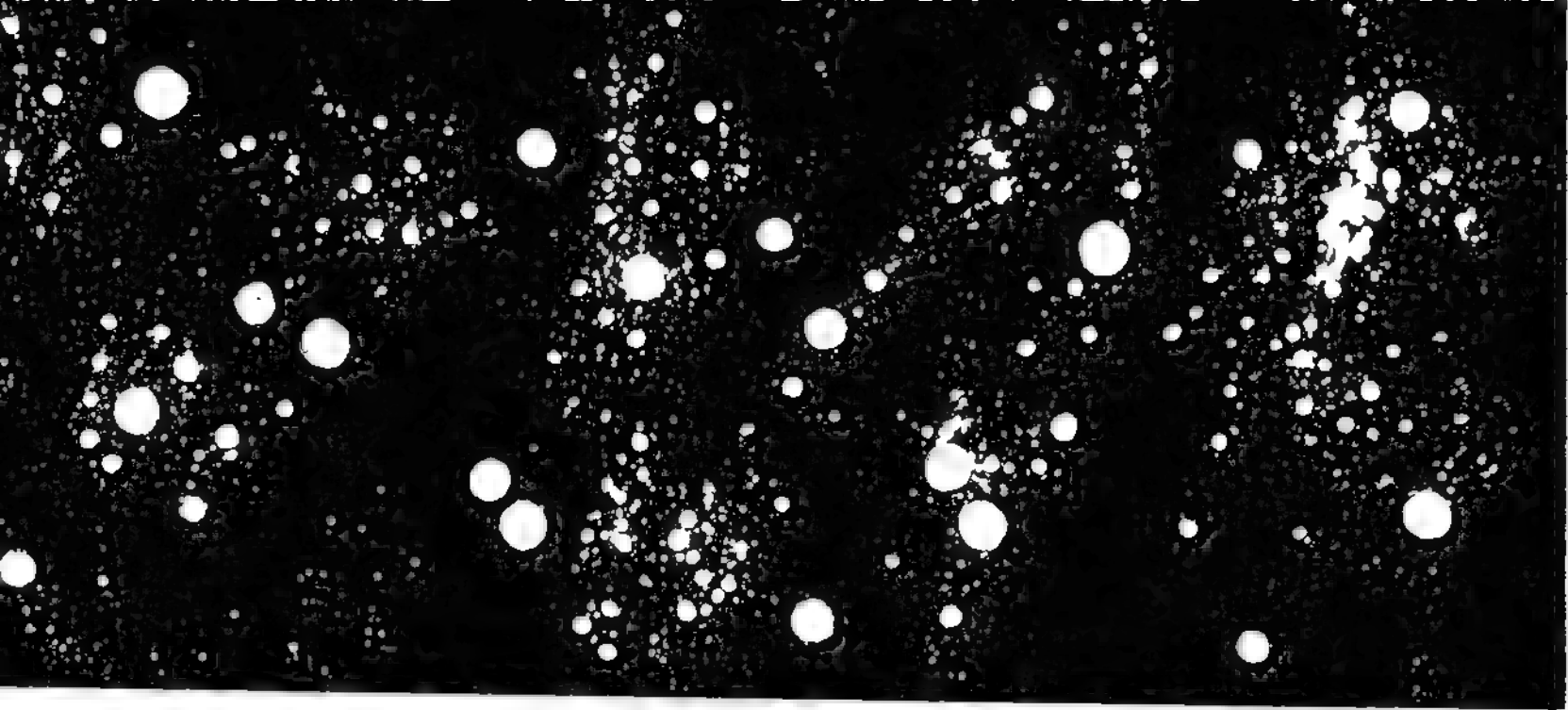




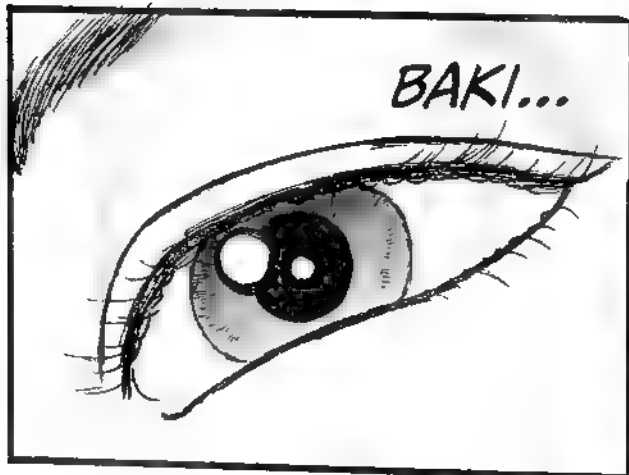


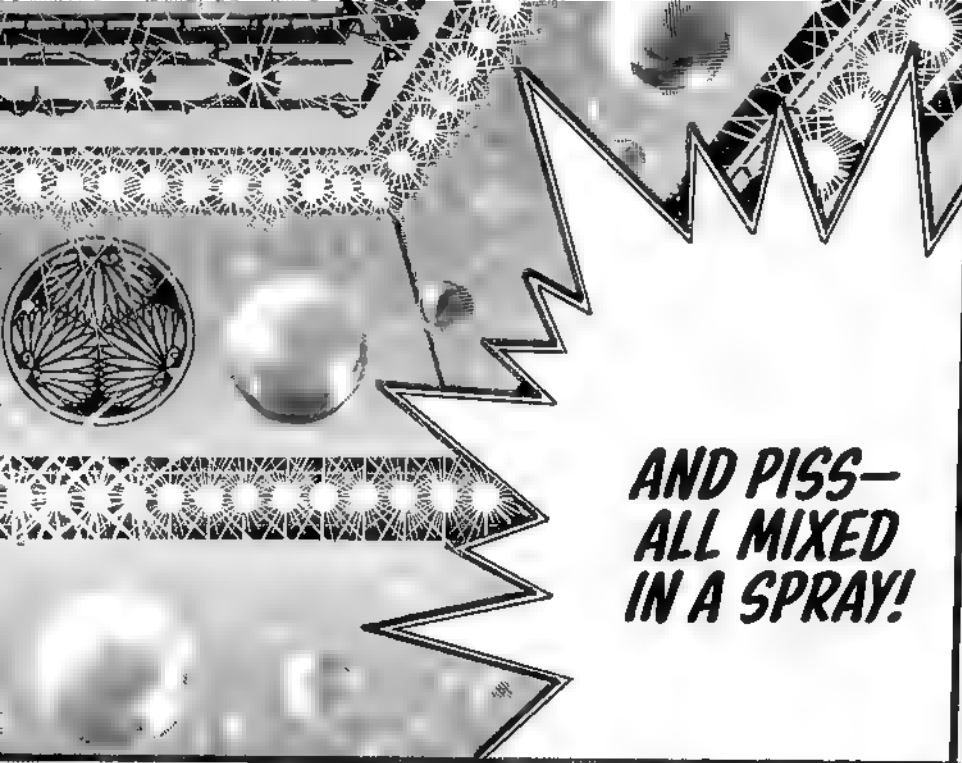
**#344 Evenly Matched!!**











**AND PISS—  
ALL MIXED  
IN A SPRAY!**



**TEARS!**



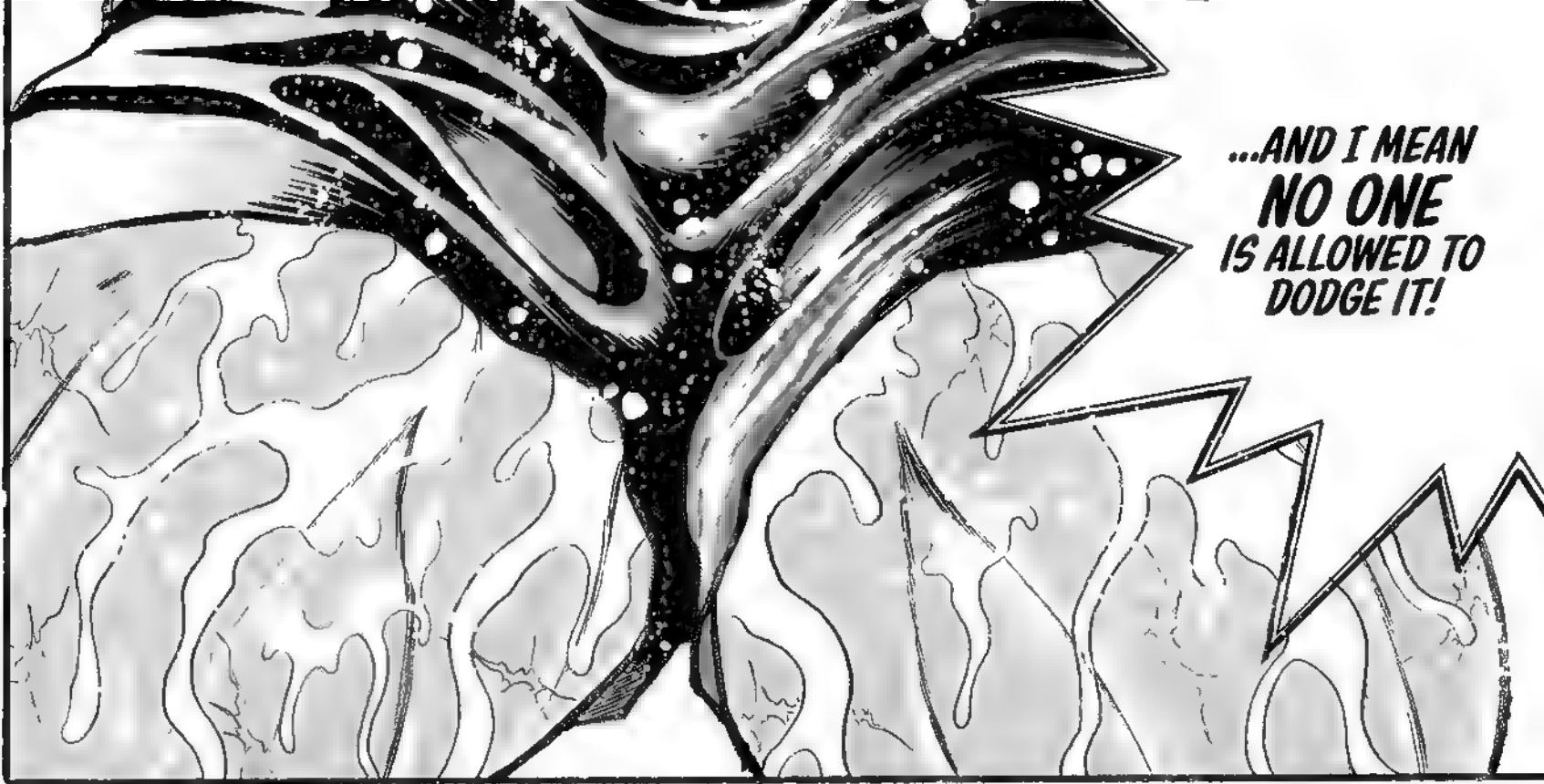
**AND NO ONE  
IS TRYING TO  
DODGE IT!**



**...BUT  
NO ONE...**

**THIS HOLY  
WATER OF  
COMBAT  
FLIES...**

...AND I MEAN  
**NO ONE**  
IS ALLOWED TO  
DODGE IT!

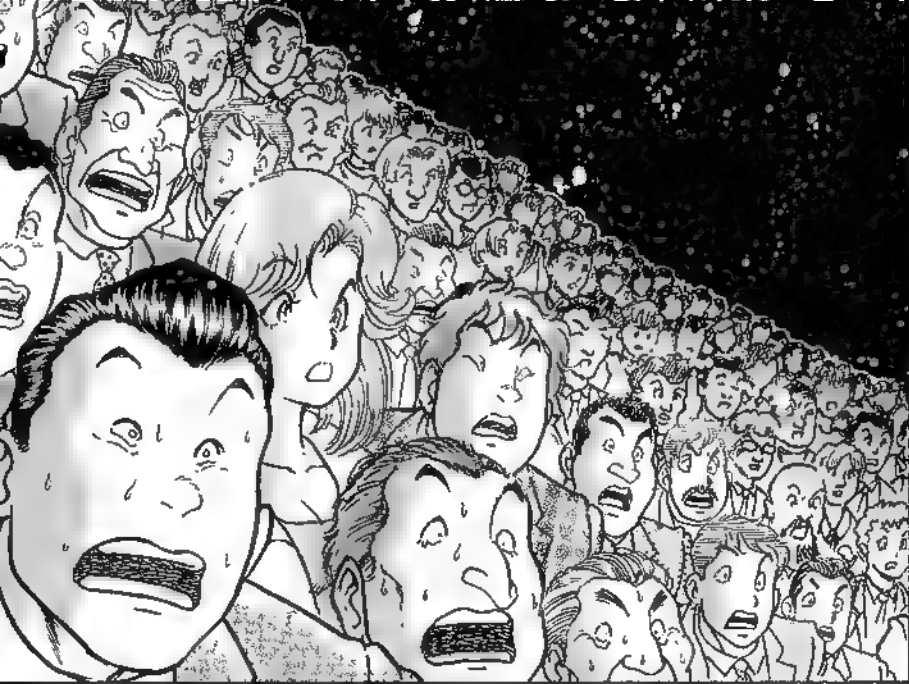




**AAAH!  
HE CAUGHT  
HIM!**









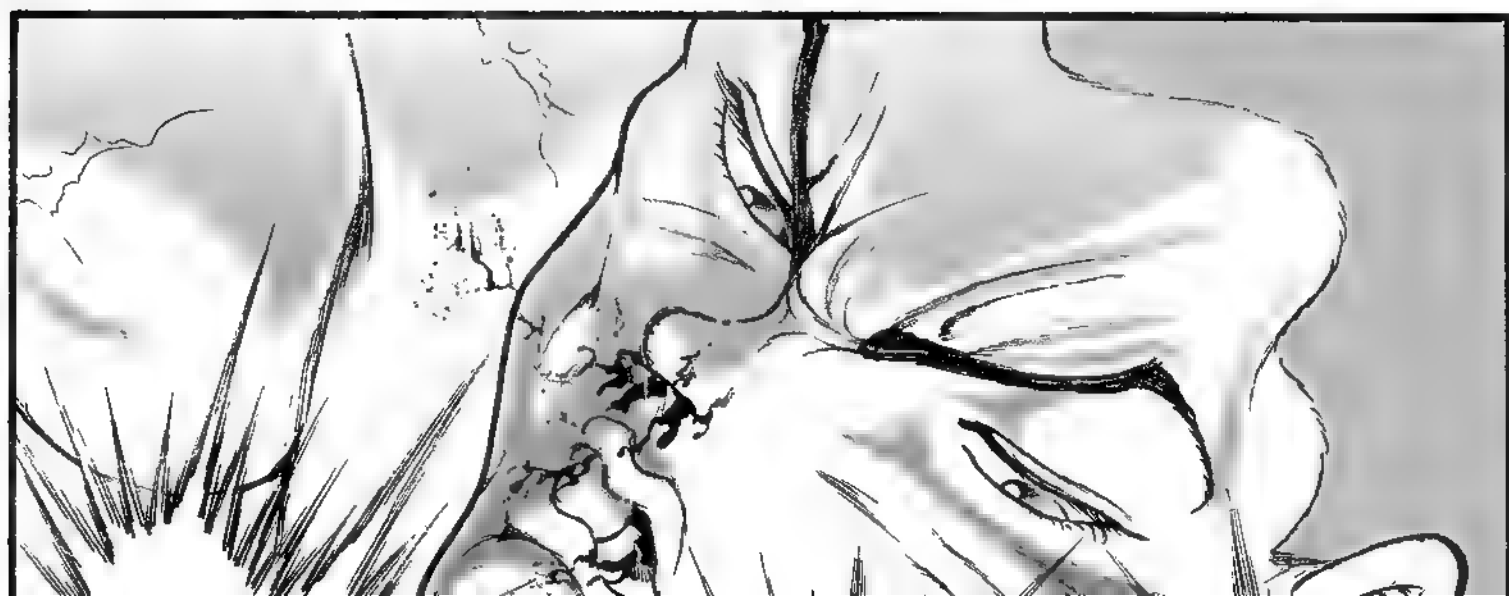










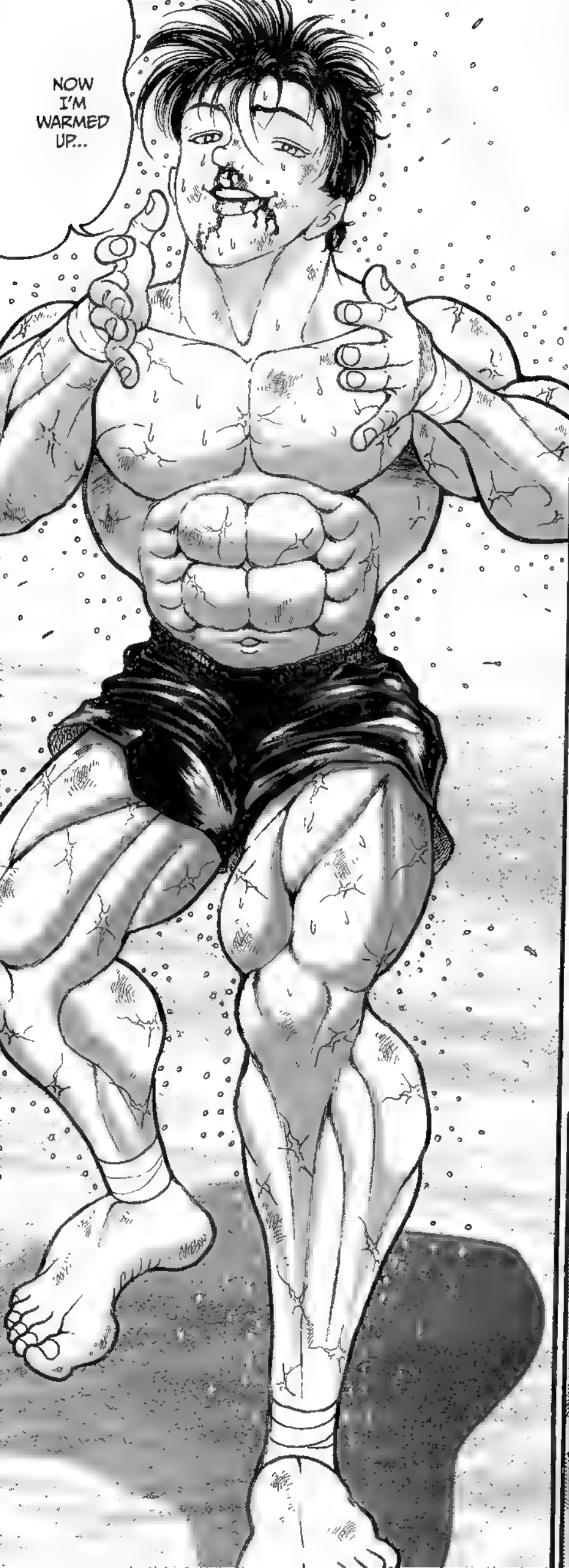
















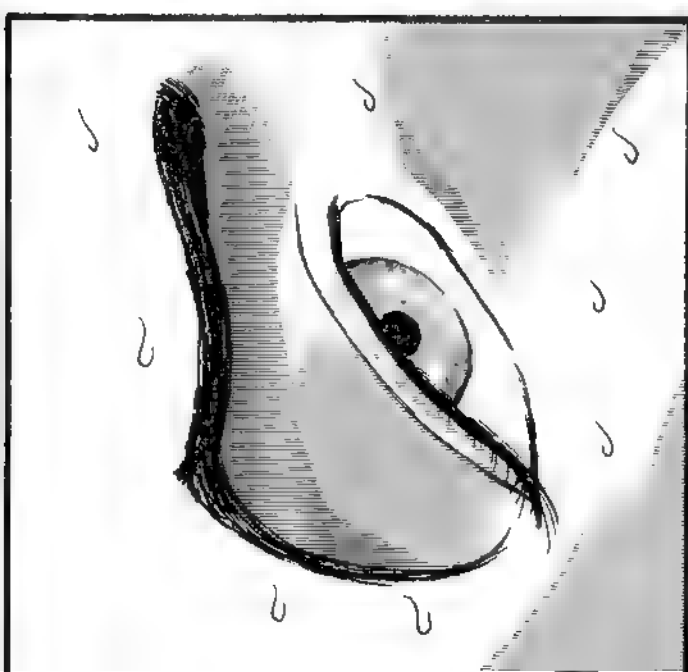
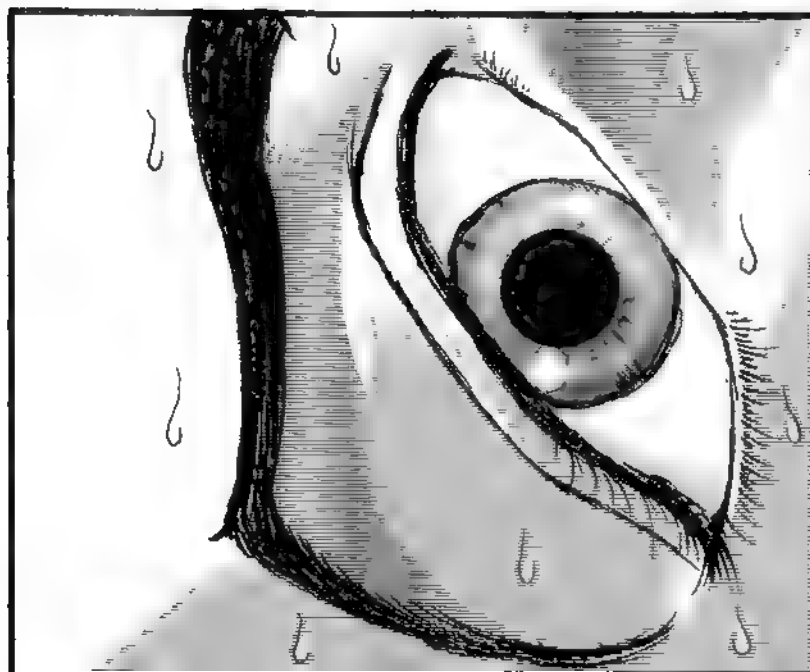
**#345 Bipedal Lion!!**







...I FEEL  
LIKE...



...I'M ALL  
READY.



...WAS  
JUST A  
WARM  
UP?

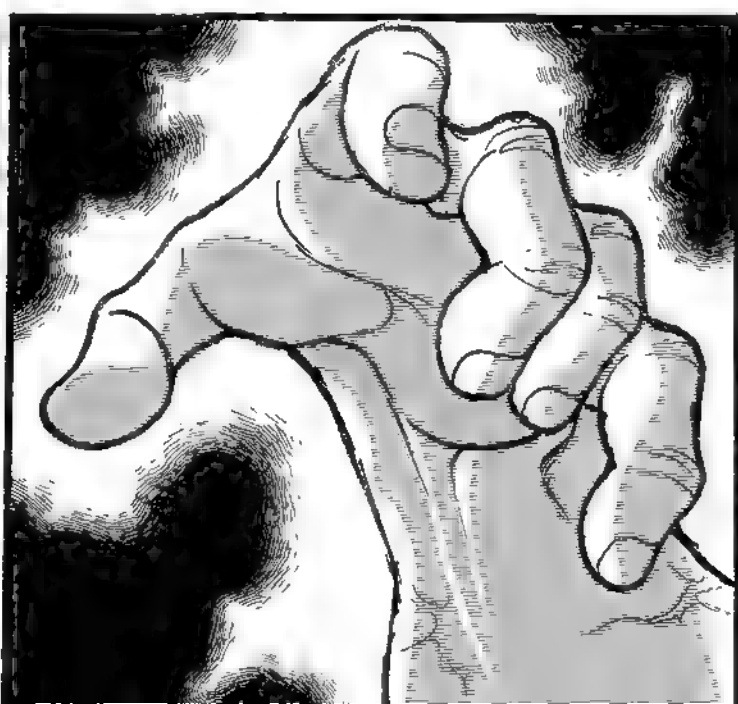
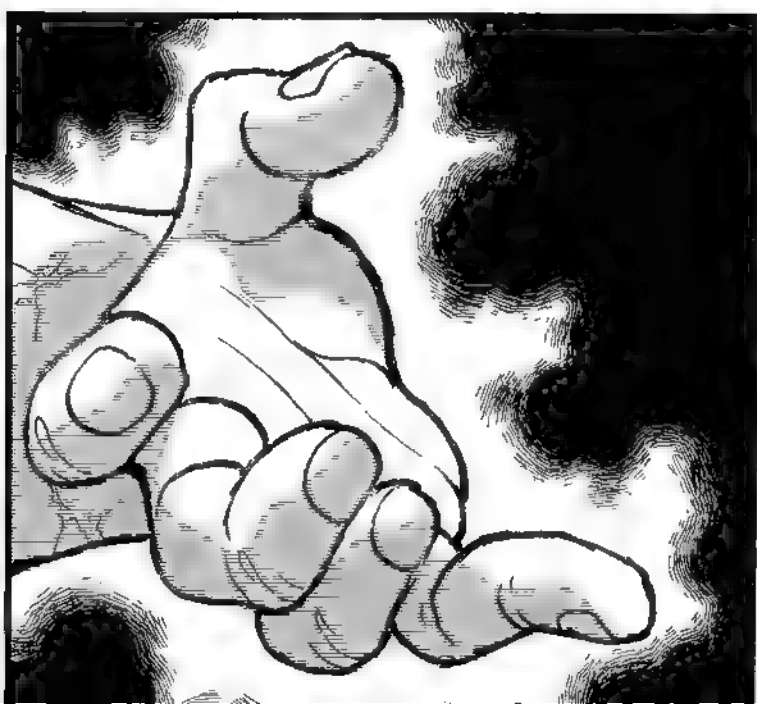


...UP-TILL  
NOW...



ALL THAT  
FIGHTING...







**WHA...**

**WHAT  
IS THIS  
STANCE  
...!!**



**AND HIS  
HANDS ARE  
POISED, AS IF  
PREPARING  
A GRAB!!!**

**HE'S  
HUNCHED  
HIMSELF  
OVER  
DEEP!**

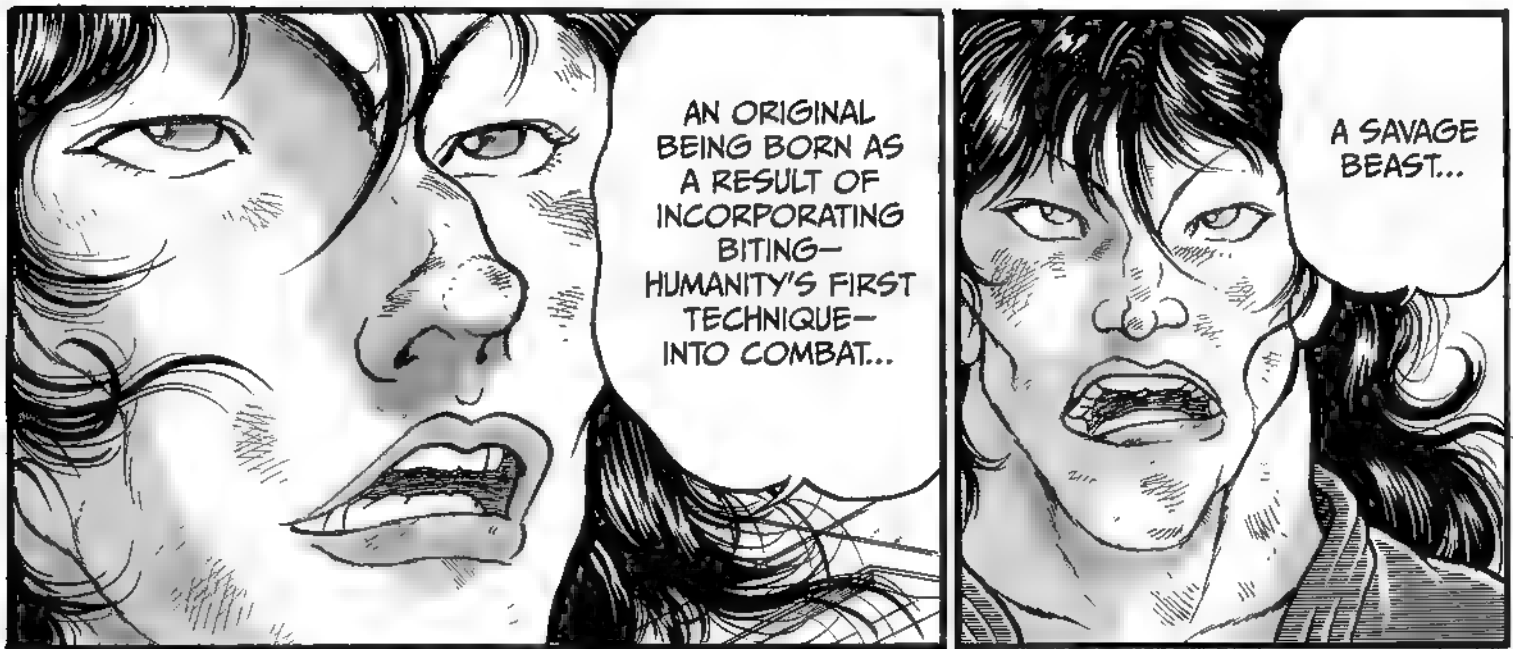


**I HAVE  
NEVER SEEN  
THIS STANCE  
BEFORE!!!**



AN ORIGINAL  
BEING BORN AS  
A RESULT OF  
INCORPORATING  
BITING—  
HUMANITY'S FIRST  
TECHNIQUE—  
INTO COMBAT...

A SAVAGE  
BEAST...



**...OF A  
BIPEDAL  
BEAST  
OF  
PREY  
!!!**

**THAT  
IS THE  
FIGHTING  
STANCE  
...**

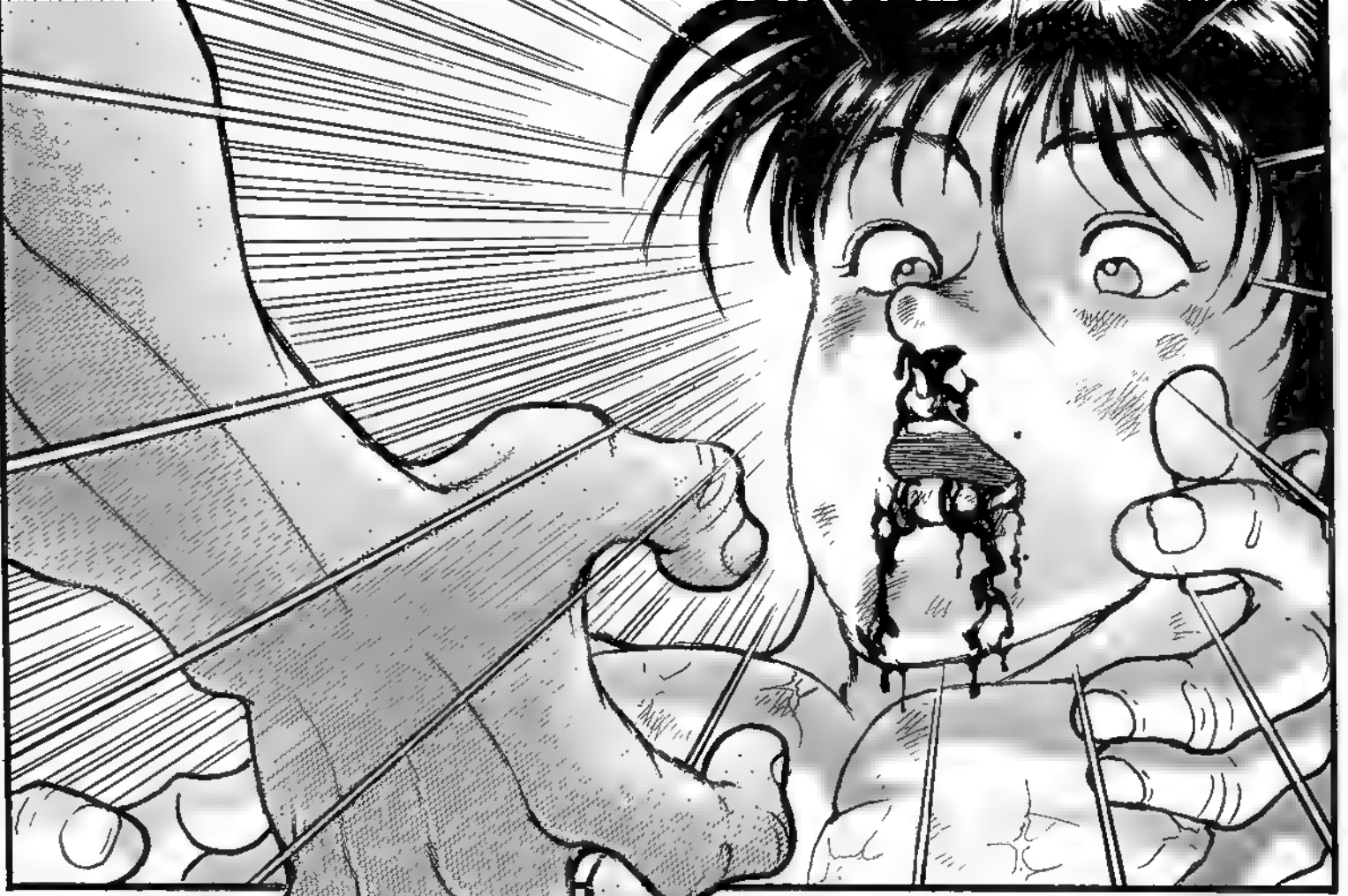






**THERE HE  
GOOOOES!!!**

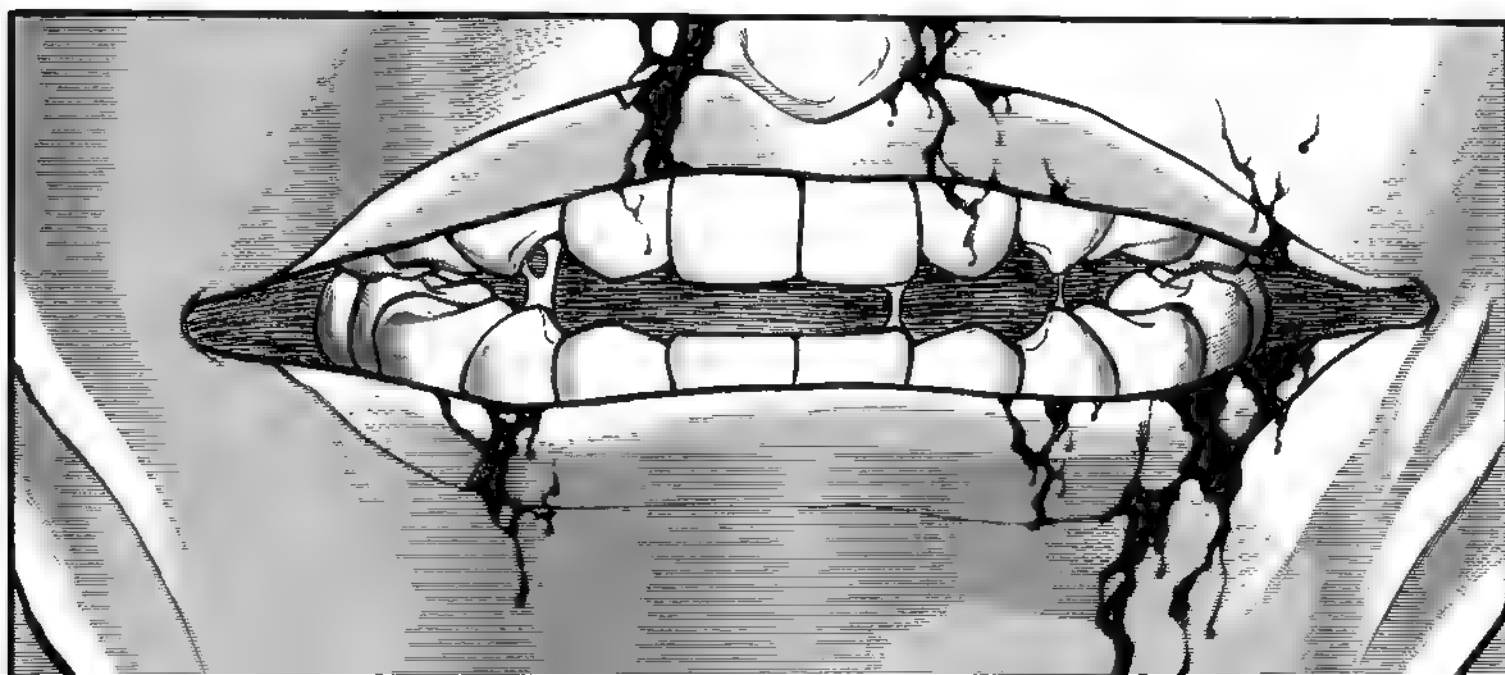








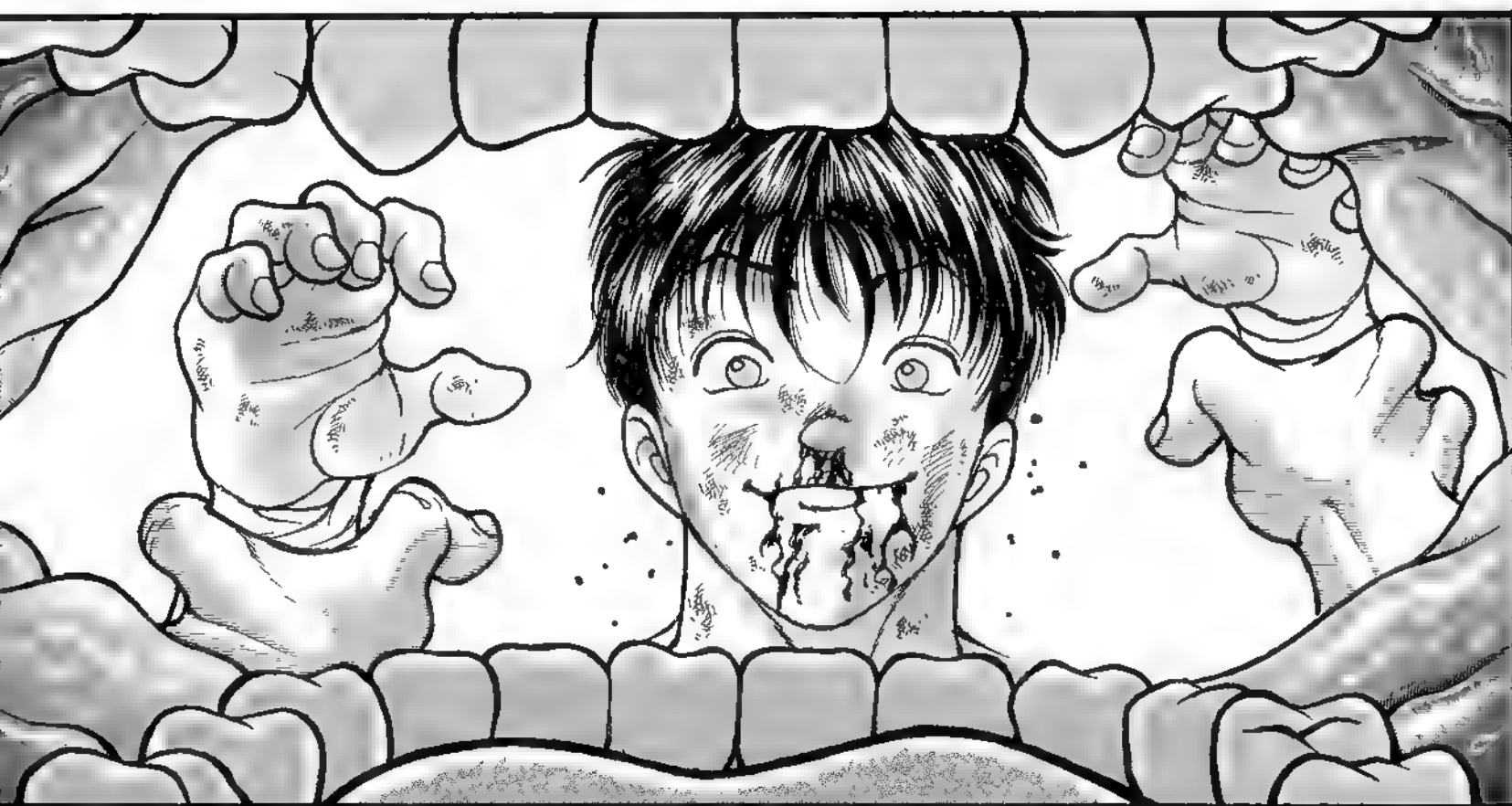
**HE'S  
GRABBED  
HIIIM!!!**





**EEEEK!**

**AAH!**



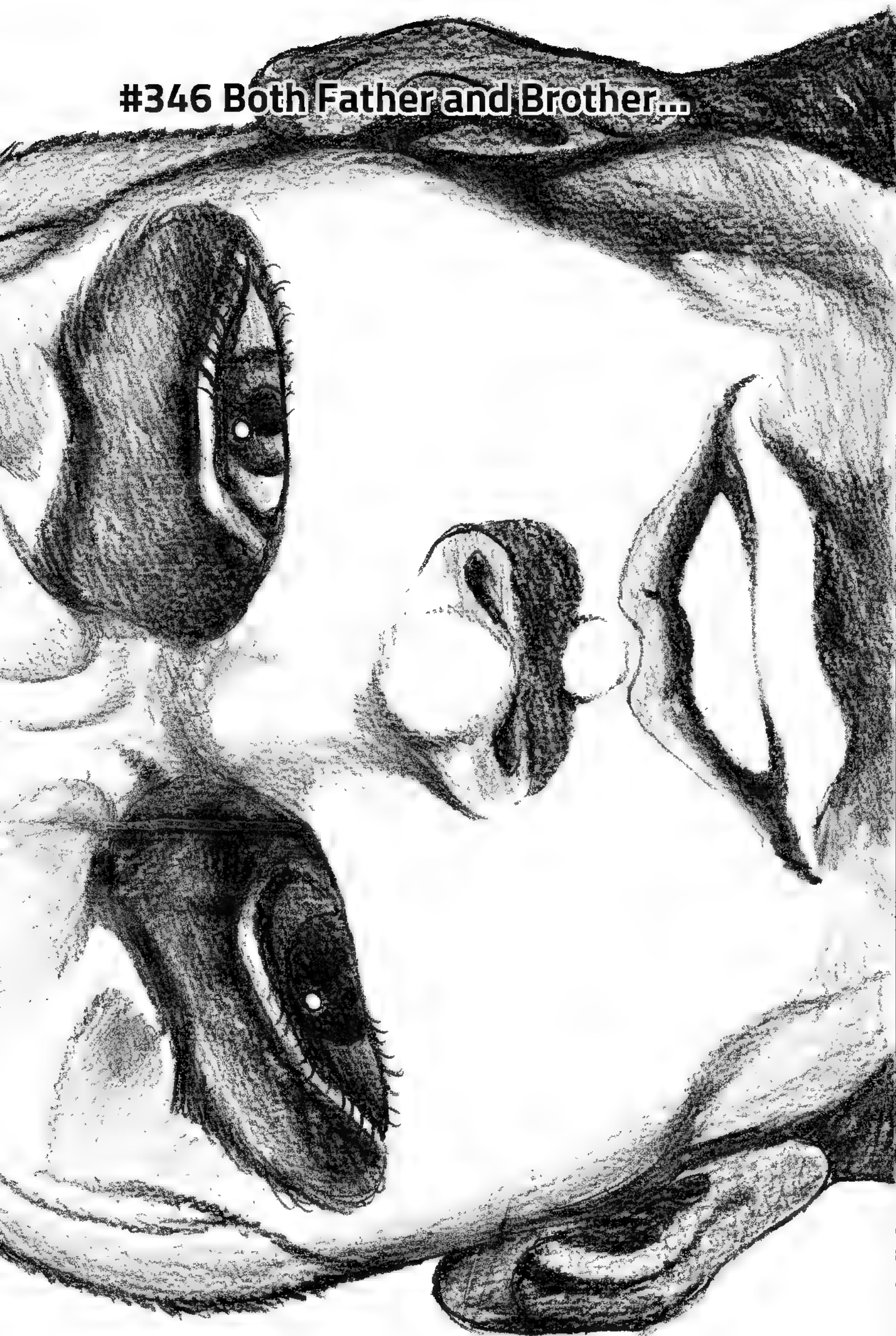
**YOU BIG  
DUMMY.**







**#346 Both Father and Brother...**





NOW IT  
MAKES  
SENSE....!!!

JACK HANMA  
GOES DOOOOWN!!!

CLENCHING  
YOUR TEETH  
IS THE MOST  
BASIC OF  
BASICS IN  
STRIKE-BASED  
COMBAT!!!

THE  
MOMENT  
ONE OPENS  
THEIR MOUTH  
TO BITE...





**...IS THE  
VERY MOMENT  
ONE IS MOST  
VULNERABLE  
TO STRIKES!**



**OOH!  
HE'S  
GETTING  
U—**



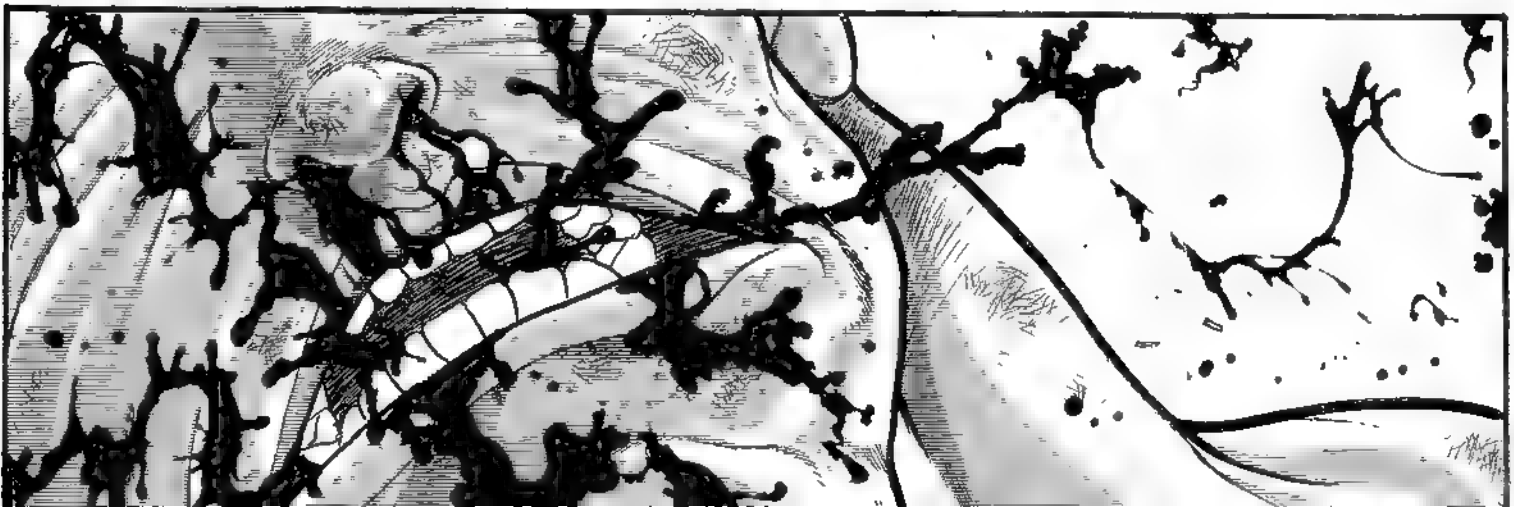
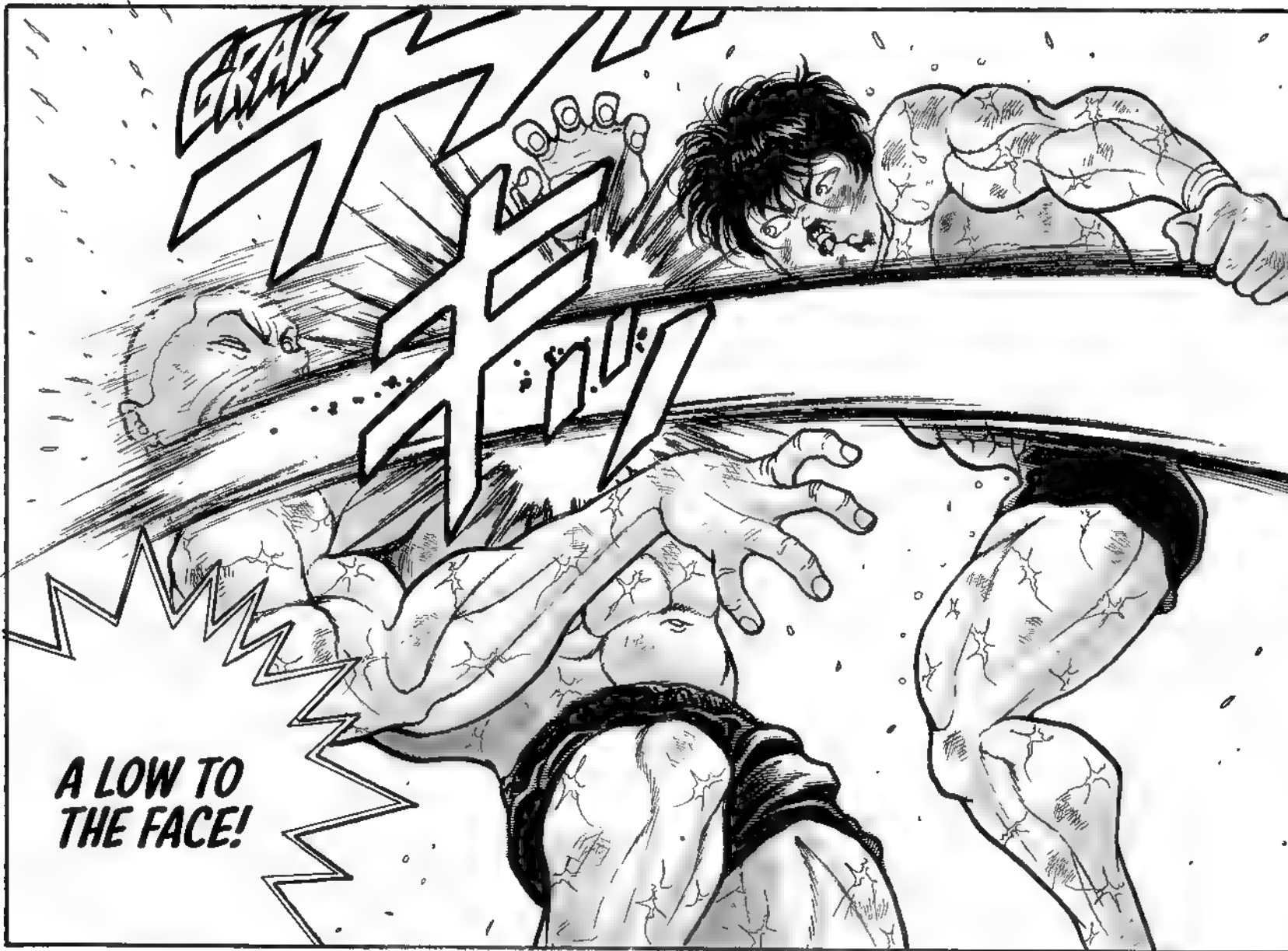


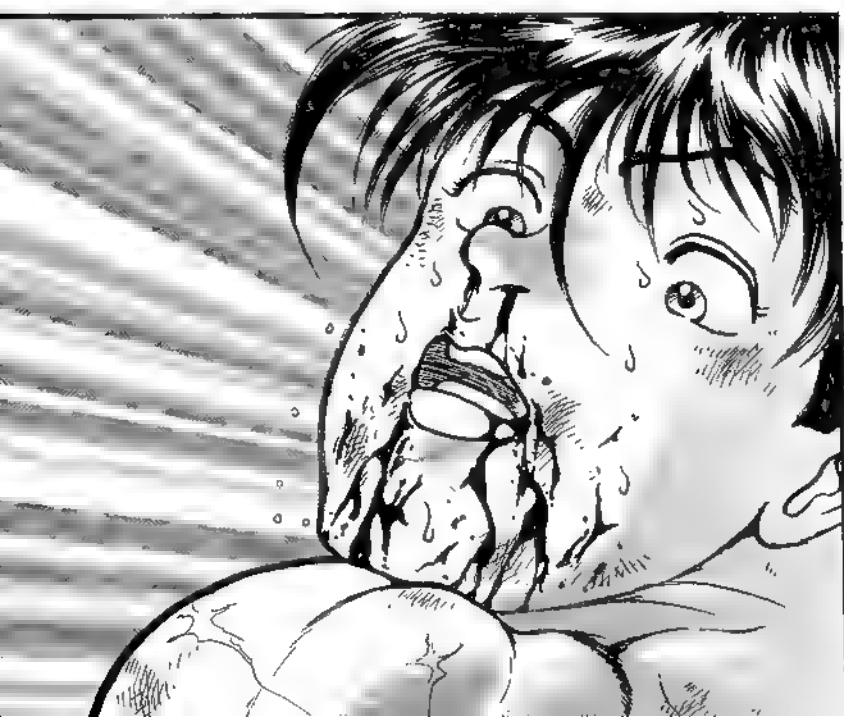
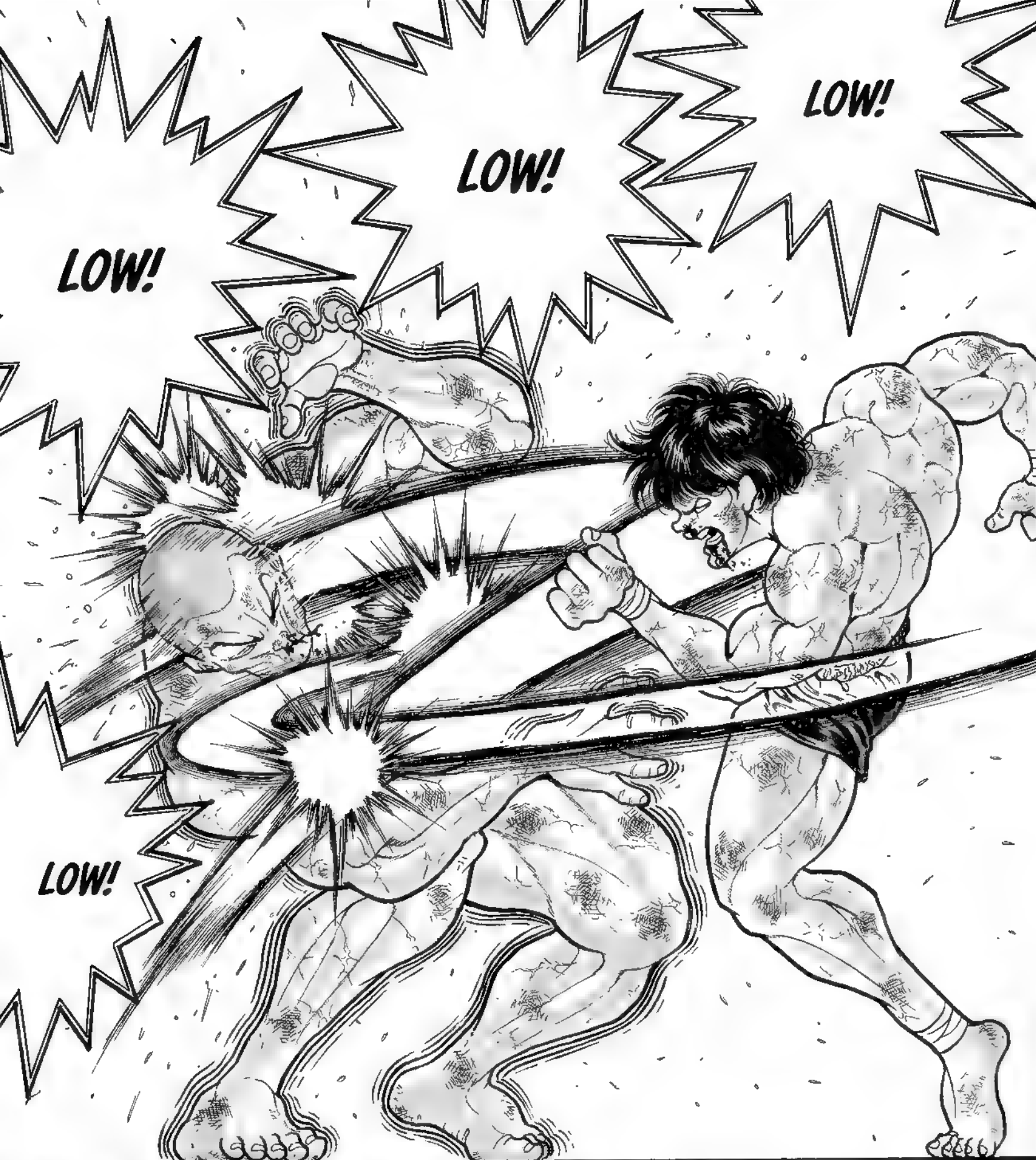
**A  
SOCCER  
KICK!**



**AND IT'S  
FIERCE!**







**AND A  
PUUUUUNCH  
!!!**



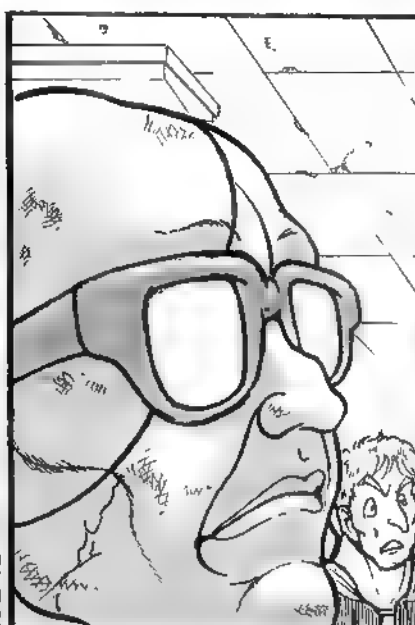




**BAKI'S  
WILD PUNCH,  
BACKED WITH  
ALL OF HIS  
BODY  
WEIGHT...**



**...  
JACK'S  
FACE!!!**



**...SMASHES  
RIGHT  
THROUGH...**

**OOH!  
HE CAN  
DO IT!**







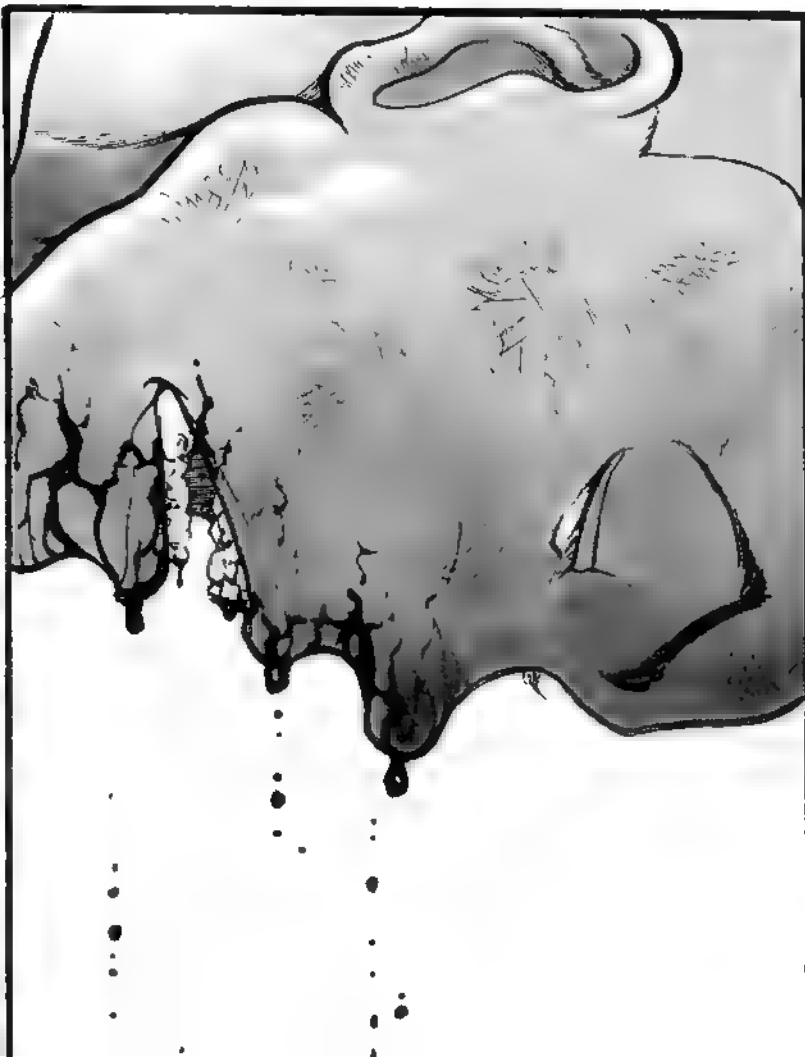
AWRIGHT  
!

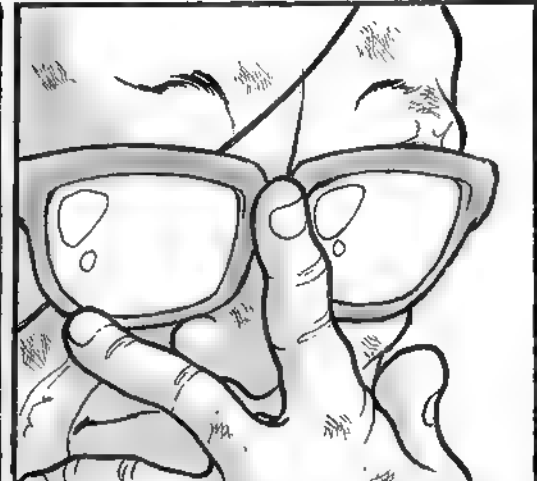
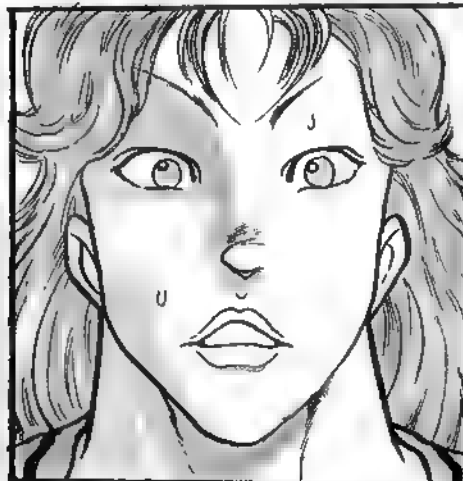
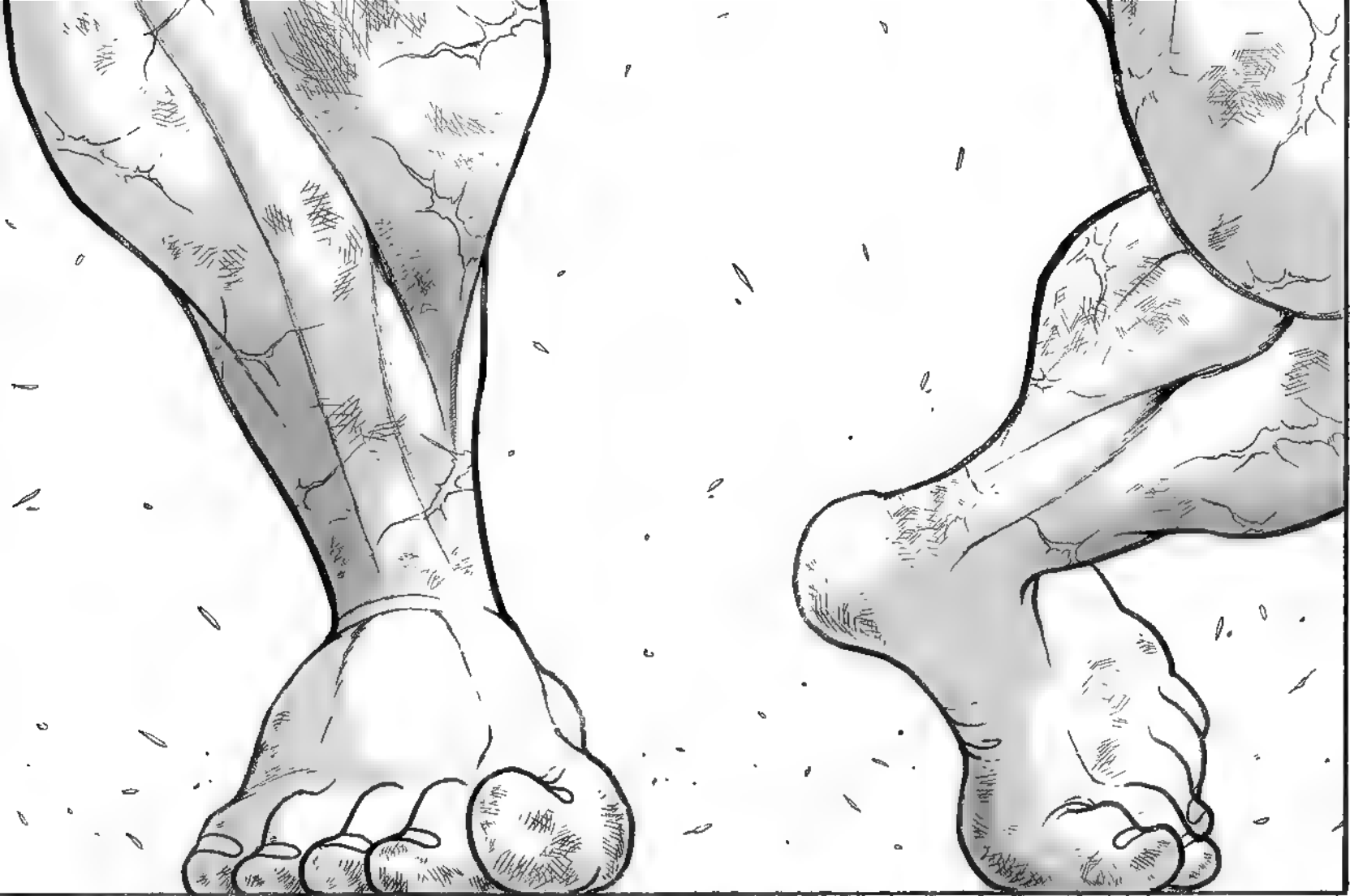


**IS HE  
GOING TO  
WIN THIS  
IN ONE  
SWOOP  
?!**





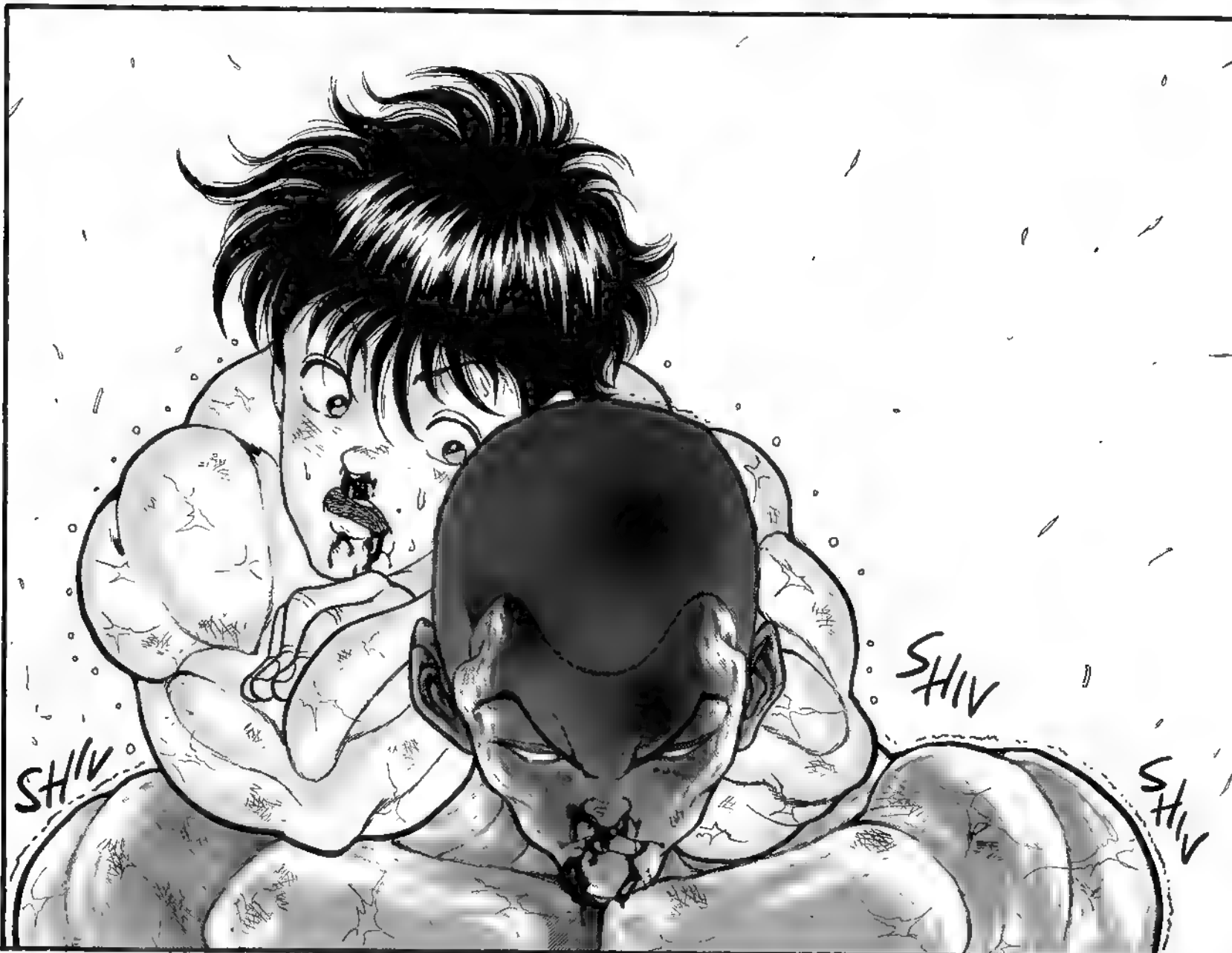


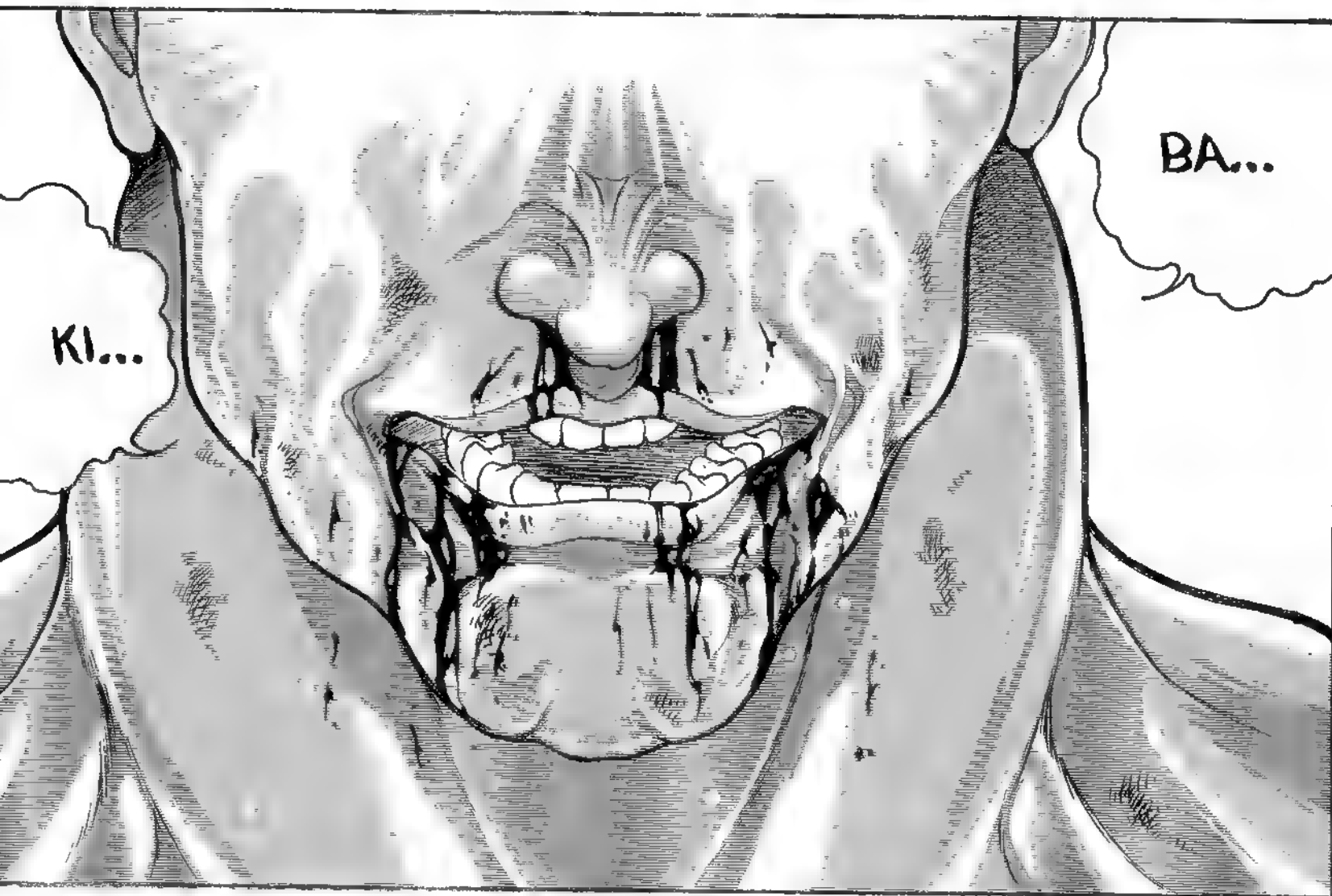






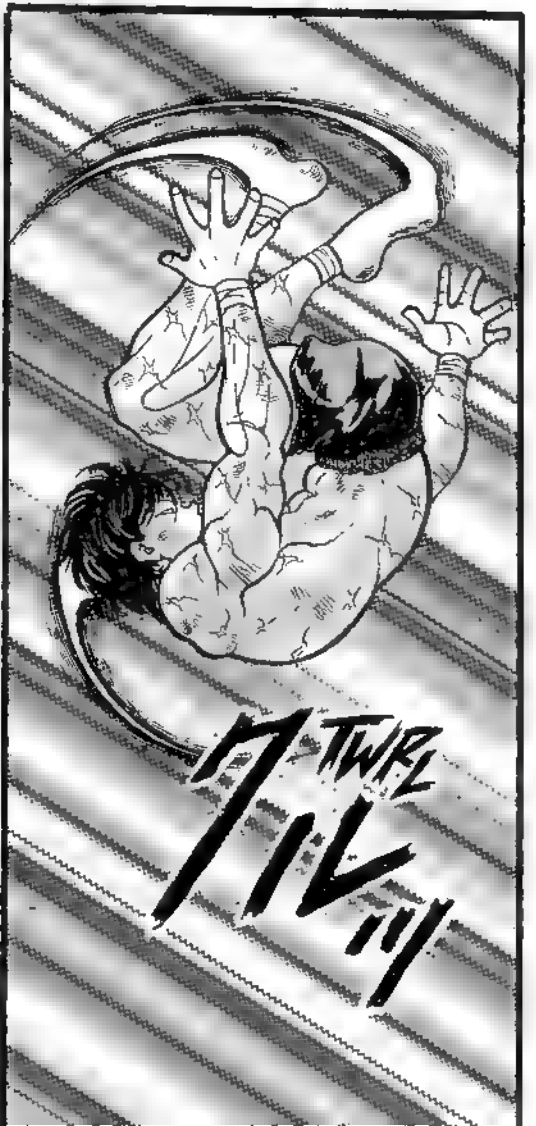


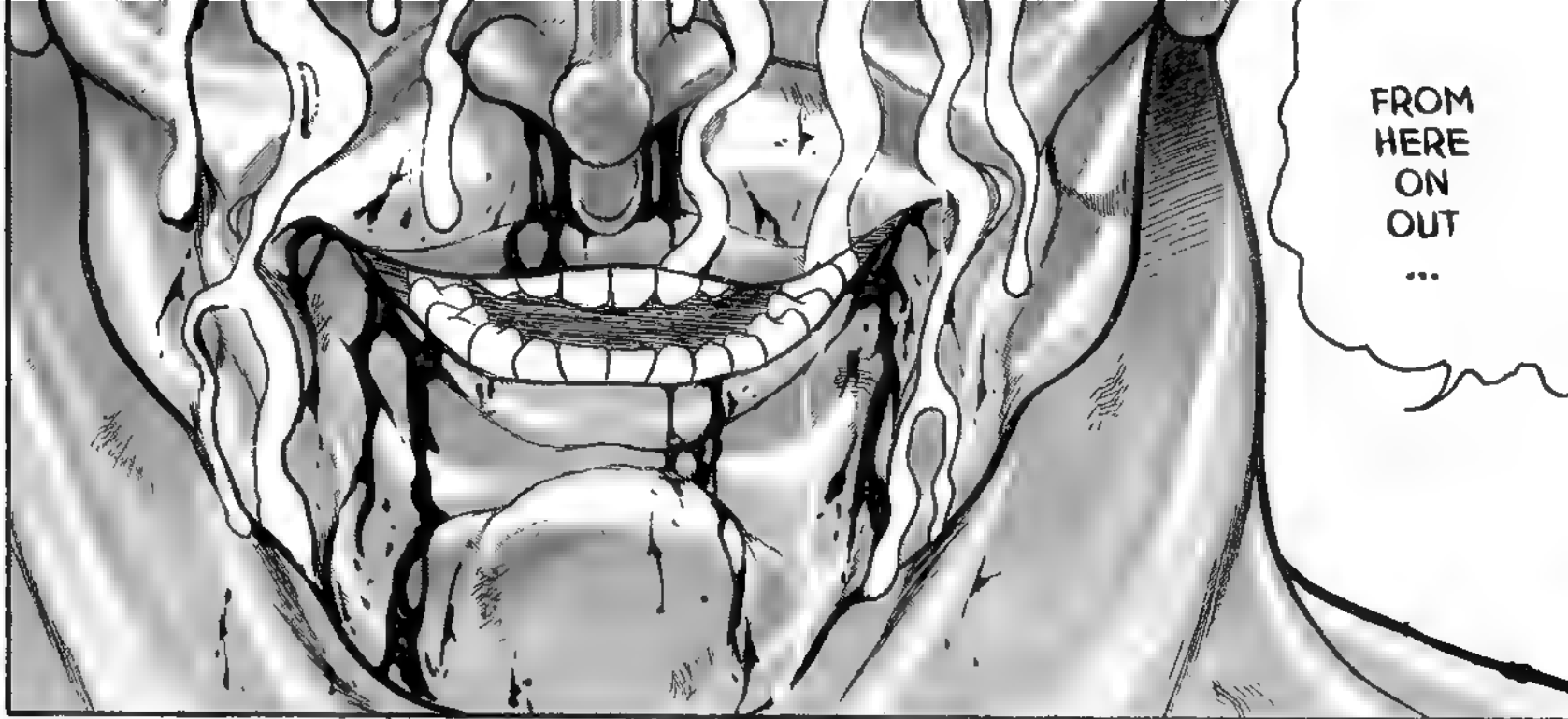












FROM  
HERE  
ON  
OUT  
...



**...WE'RE  
NOT  
BROTHERS.**



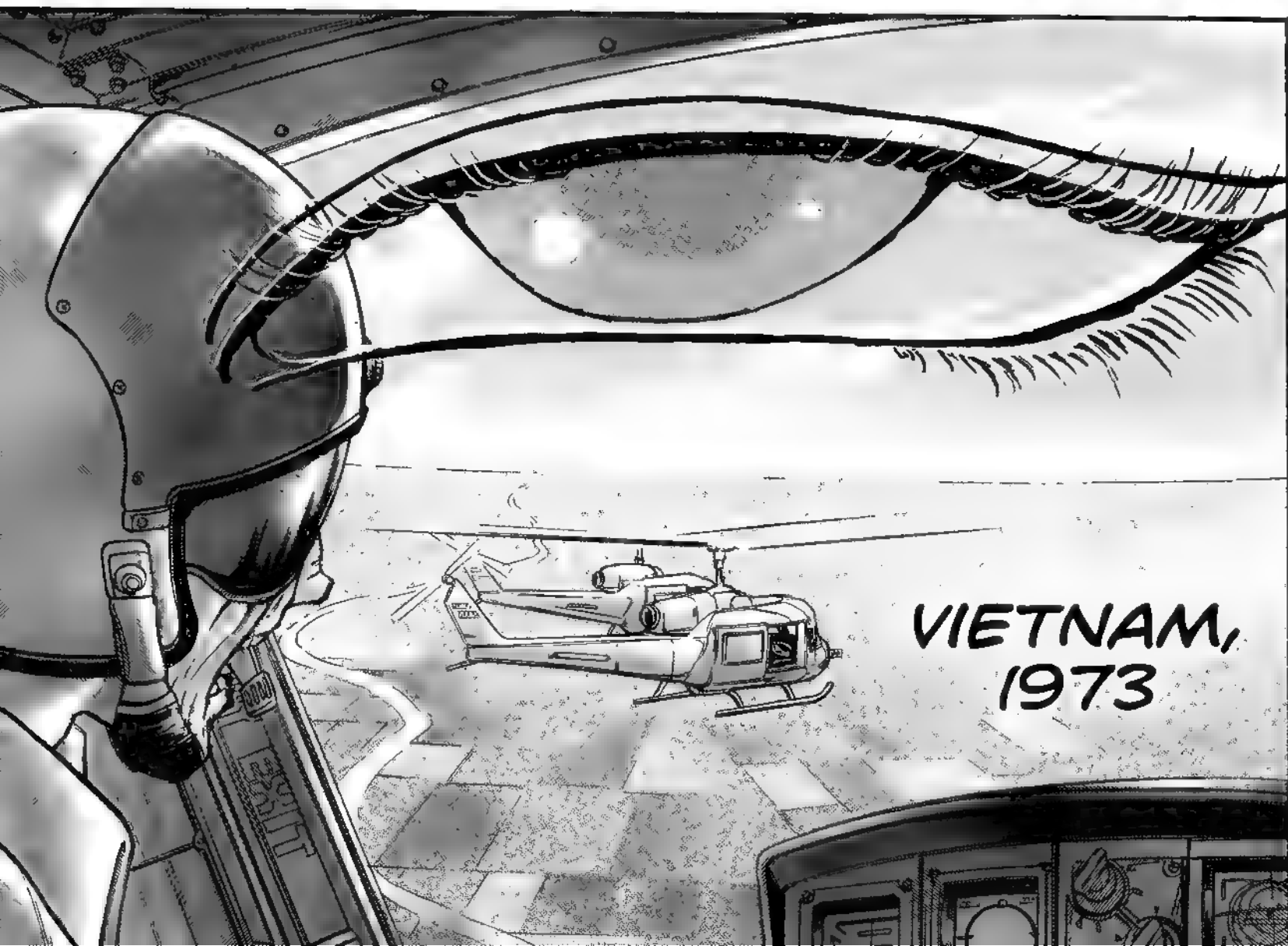
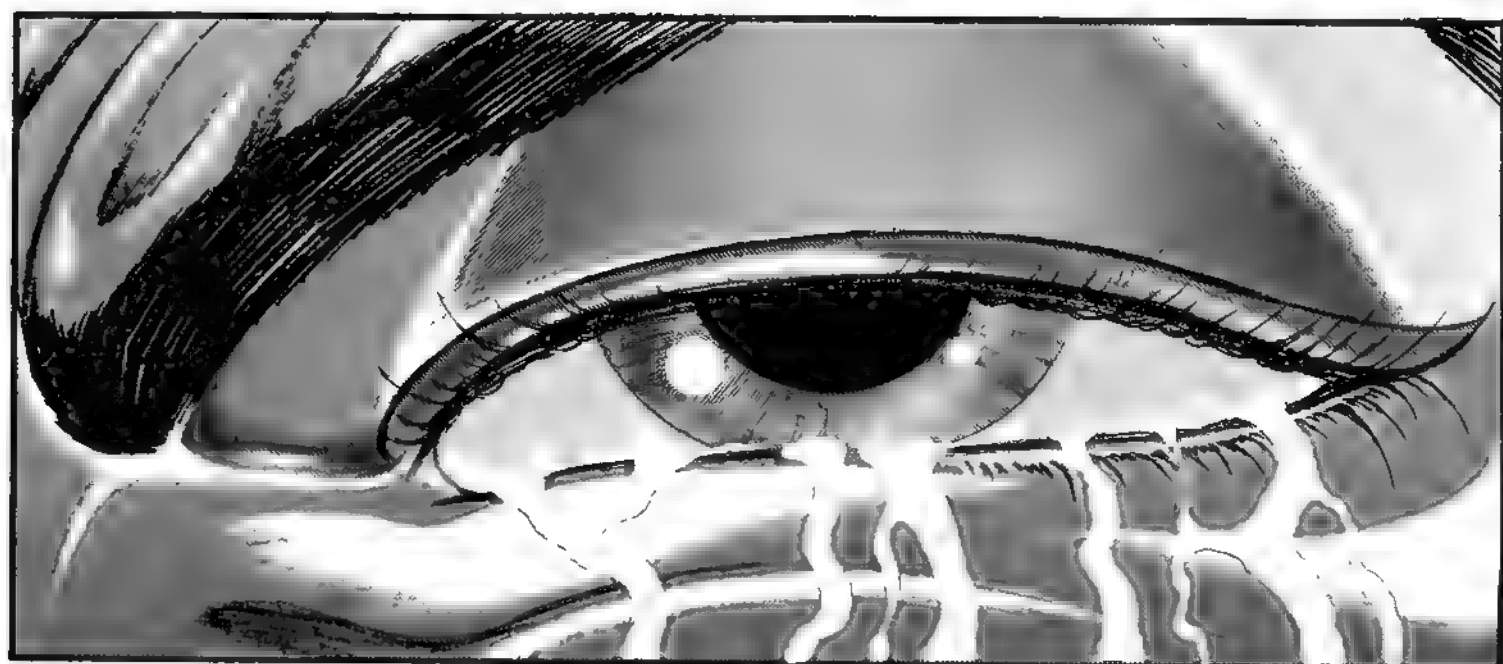
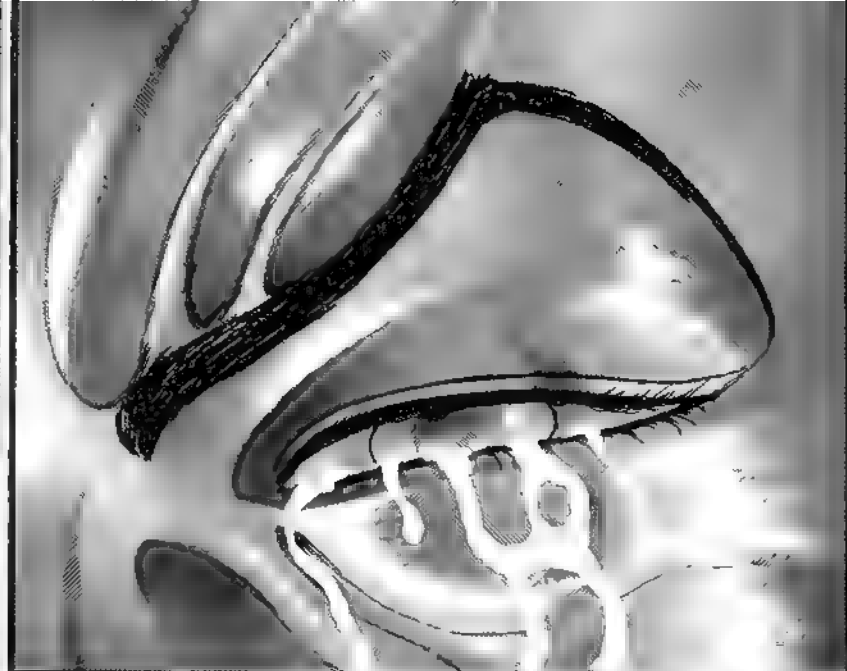


**#347 Secret War in Vietnam (1)**

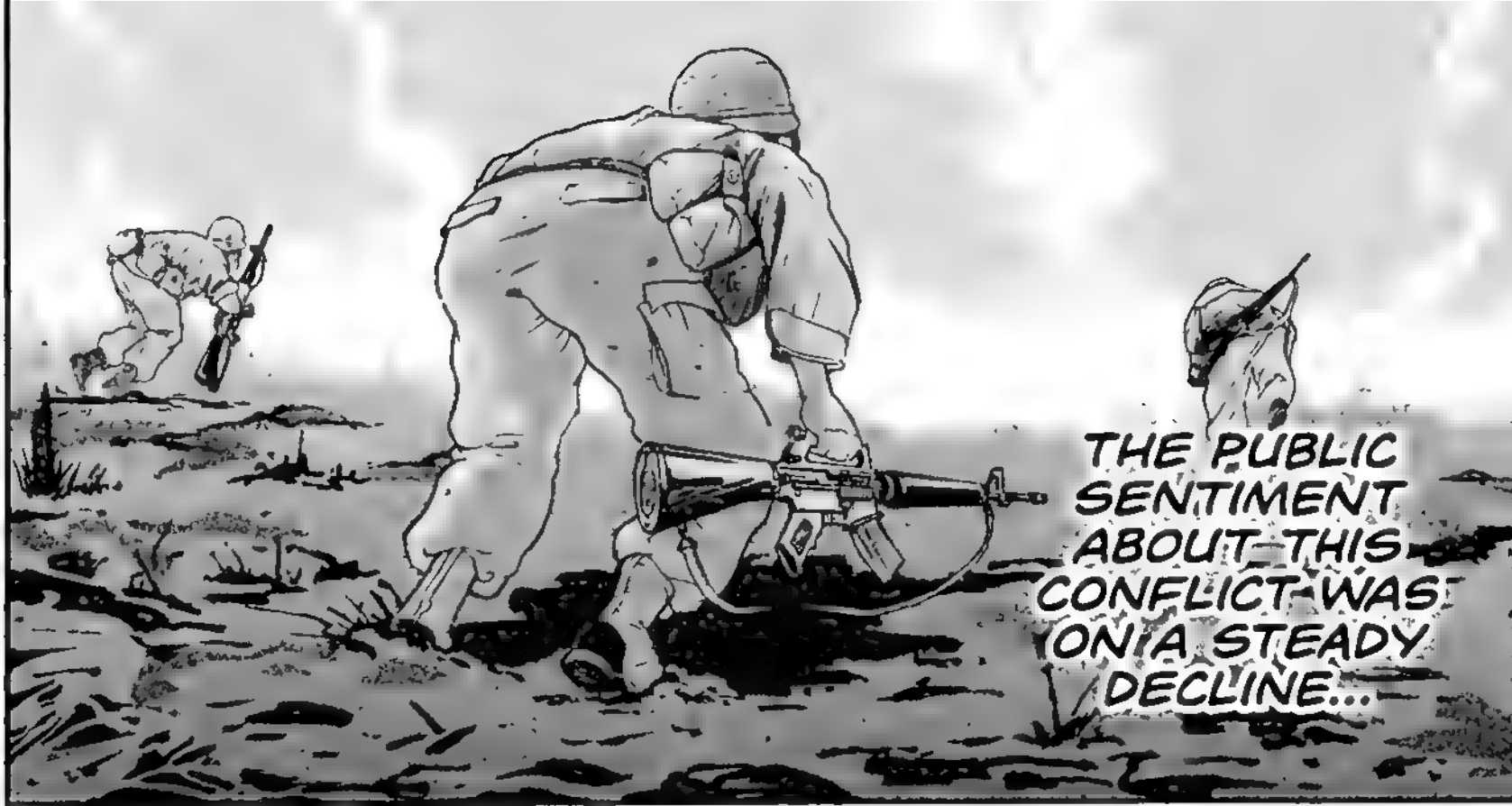


FROM  
HERE ON  
OUT...









THE PUBLIC  
SENTIMENT  
ABOUT THIS  
CONFLICT WAS  
ON A STEADY  
DECLINE...



...HAD  
CLEARLY  
GONE OFF  
THE RAILS.

HOWEVER,  
AMERICA'S  
OBSESSION  
WITH KEEPING  
ITS PRIDE AS  
A GLOBAL  
SUPER-  
POWER...

THE  
MOST VIOLENT  
BATTLEGROUND  
IN THE VIETNAM  
WAR. IT WOULD  
LATER BE KNOWN  
BY THE NICKNAME  
"BLOODY MARY."

XXX  
HILL.



THE  
SHEER  
MADNESS  
OF NAPALM BOMBS  
BEING DROPPED BY  
B-52S WITHIN TEN  
CENTIMETERS OF  
EACH OTHER.

THE PRIDE  
OF A GLOBAL  
SUPERPOWER  
...



UP  
ON THE  
KETCHUP-  
COVERED  
HILL.  
HELLO,  
BLOODY  
MARY.

ONCE THE  
CONCERT  
IS OVER,  
IT'S PICNIC  
TIME.



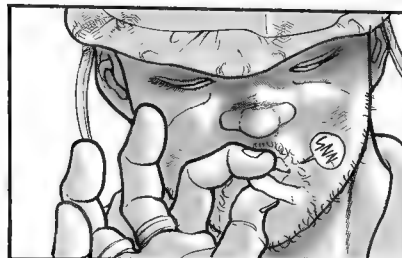
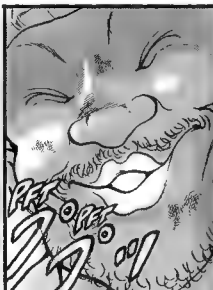
NO OPEN  
FLAMES  
HERE ON  
BLOODY  
MARY!

HEY,  
BILL.

OOPS,  
THAT'S MY  
BAD. I  
FORGOT.  
♥

HA  
HA  
HA

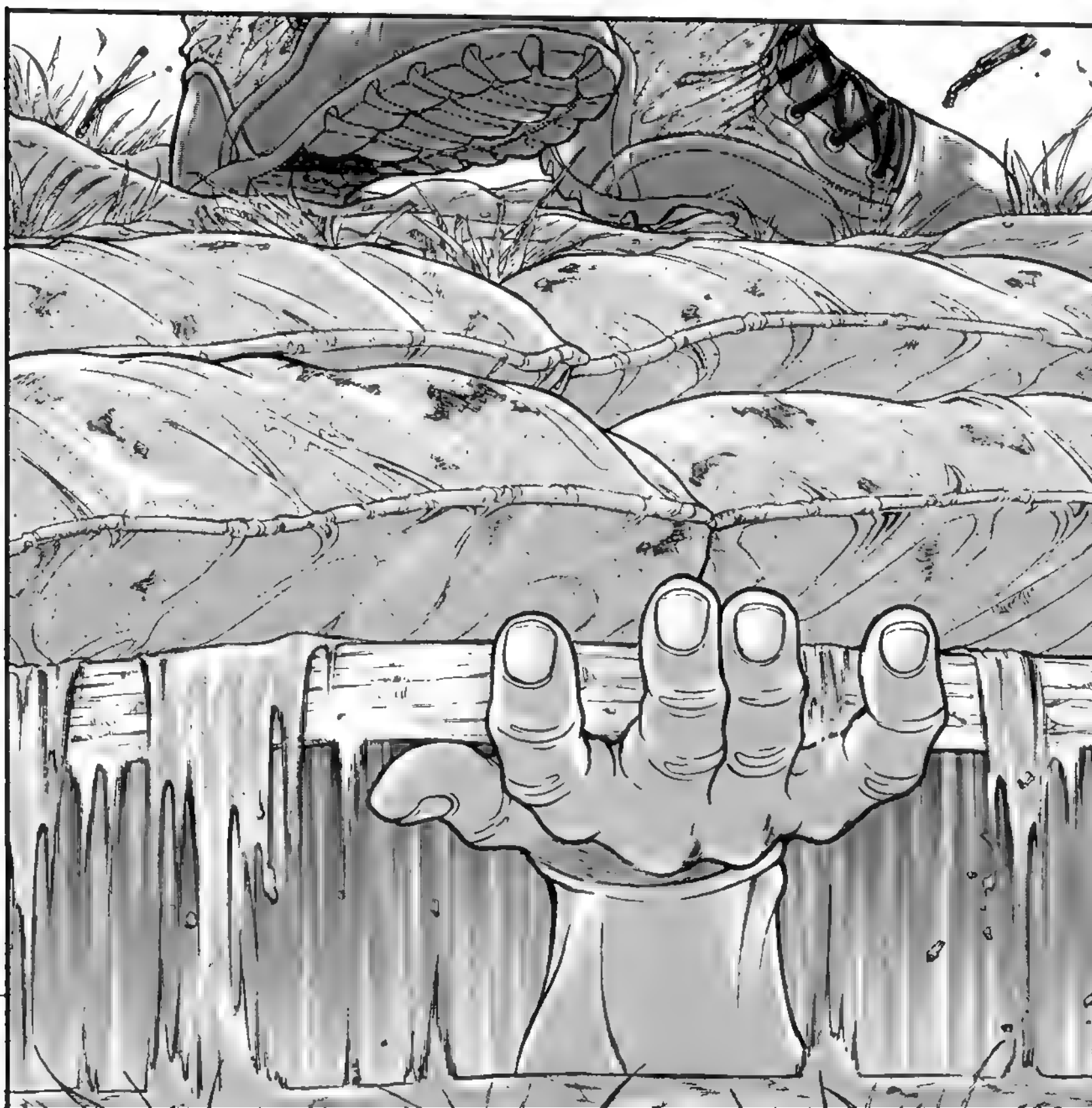
HE  
HE  
HE



THERE'S  
NO WAY  
ANYTHING'S  
LEFT  
ALIVE.



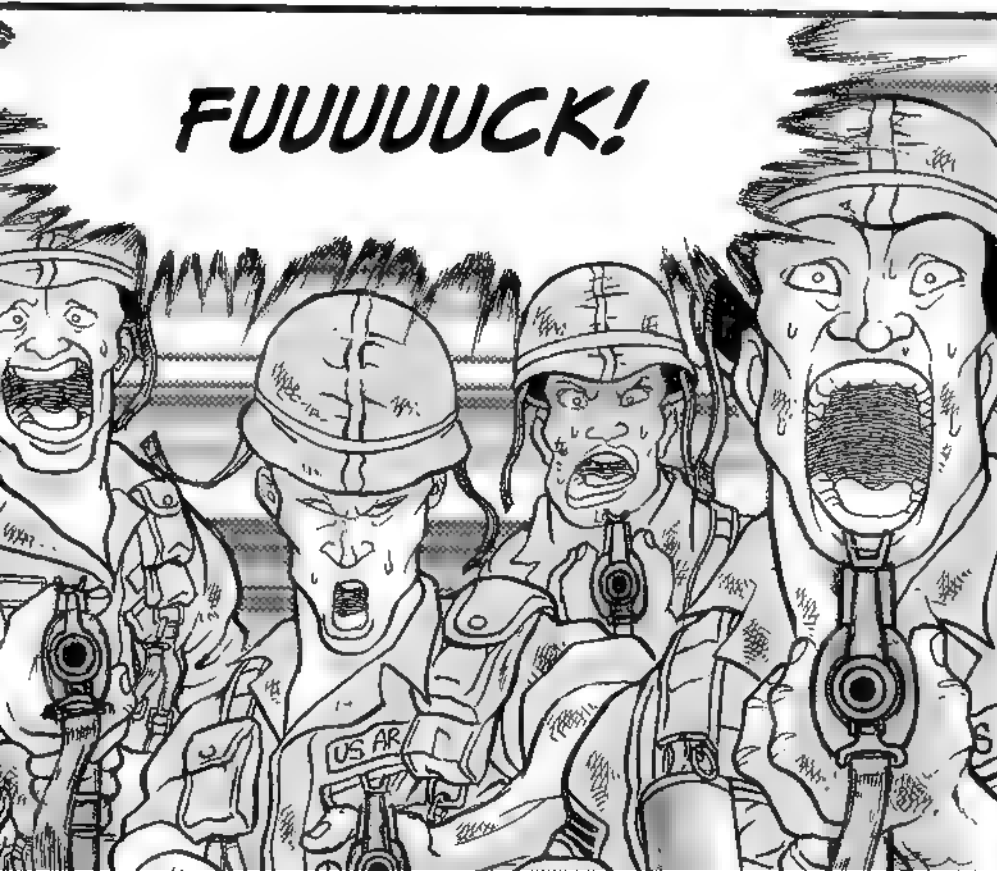


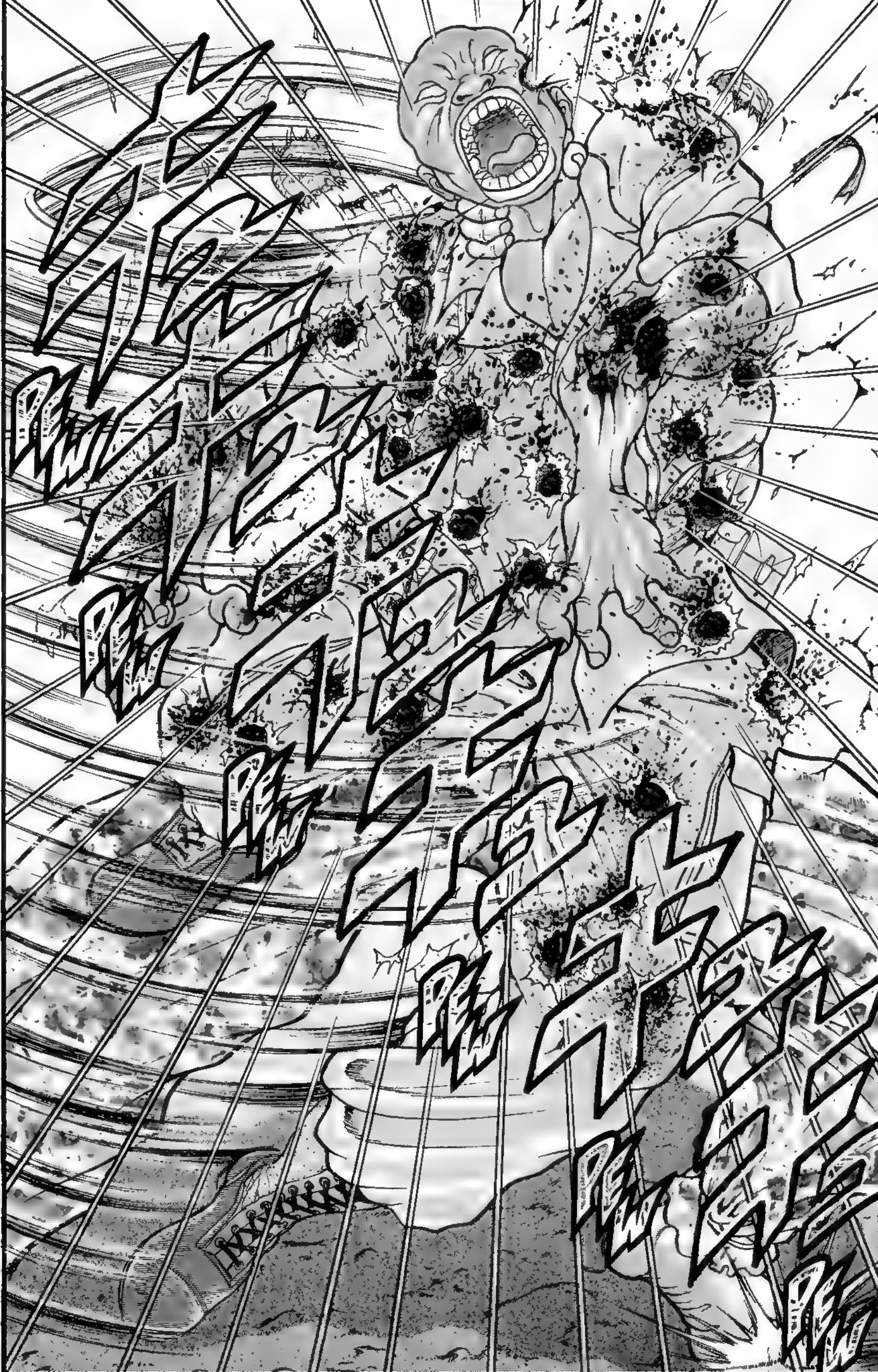










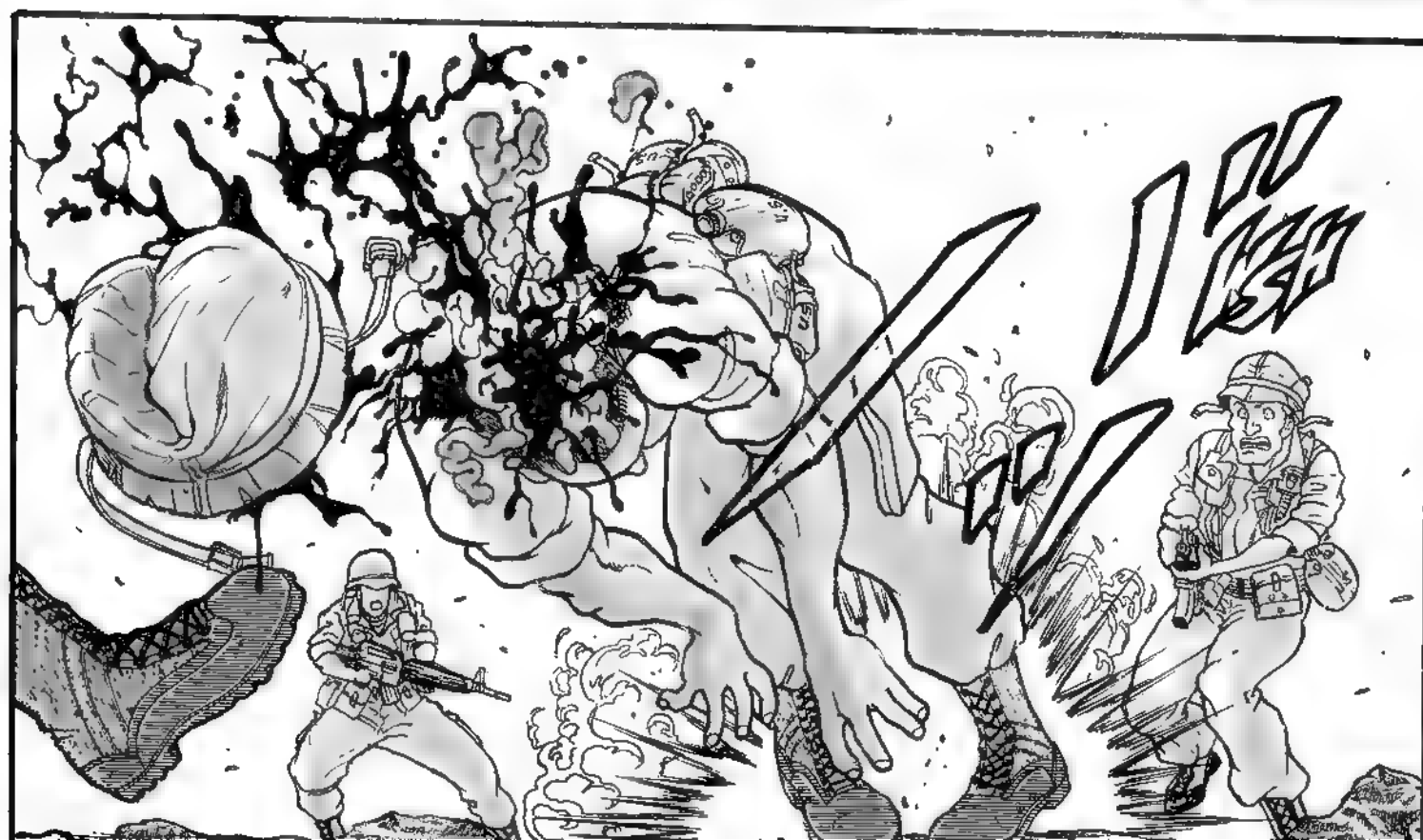










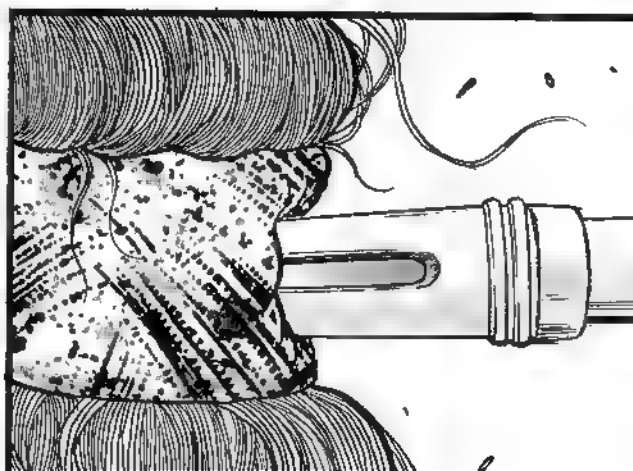
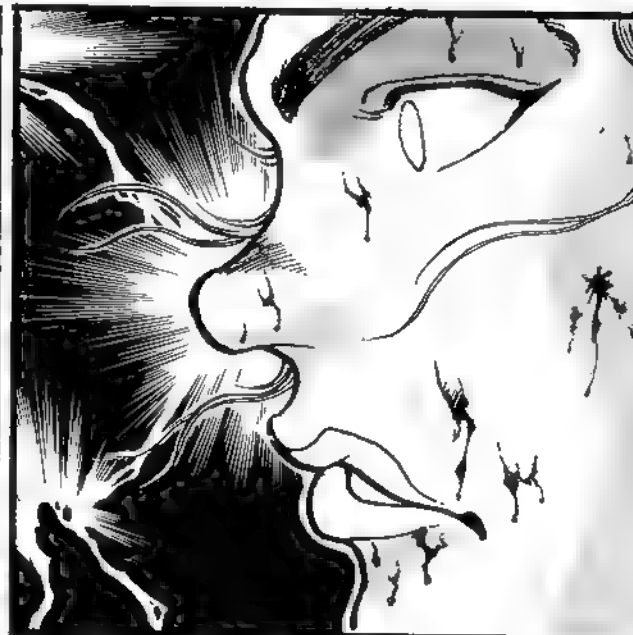








\*CASSIUS CLAY: THE FORMER NAME OF MUHAMMAD ALI, THE STRONGEST BOXER IN HISTORY.







MY  
FATHER,  
YUJIRO.

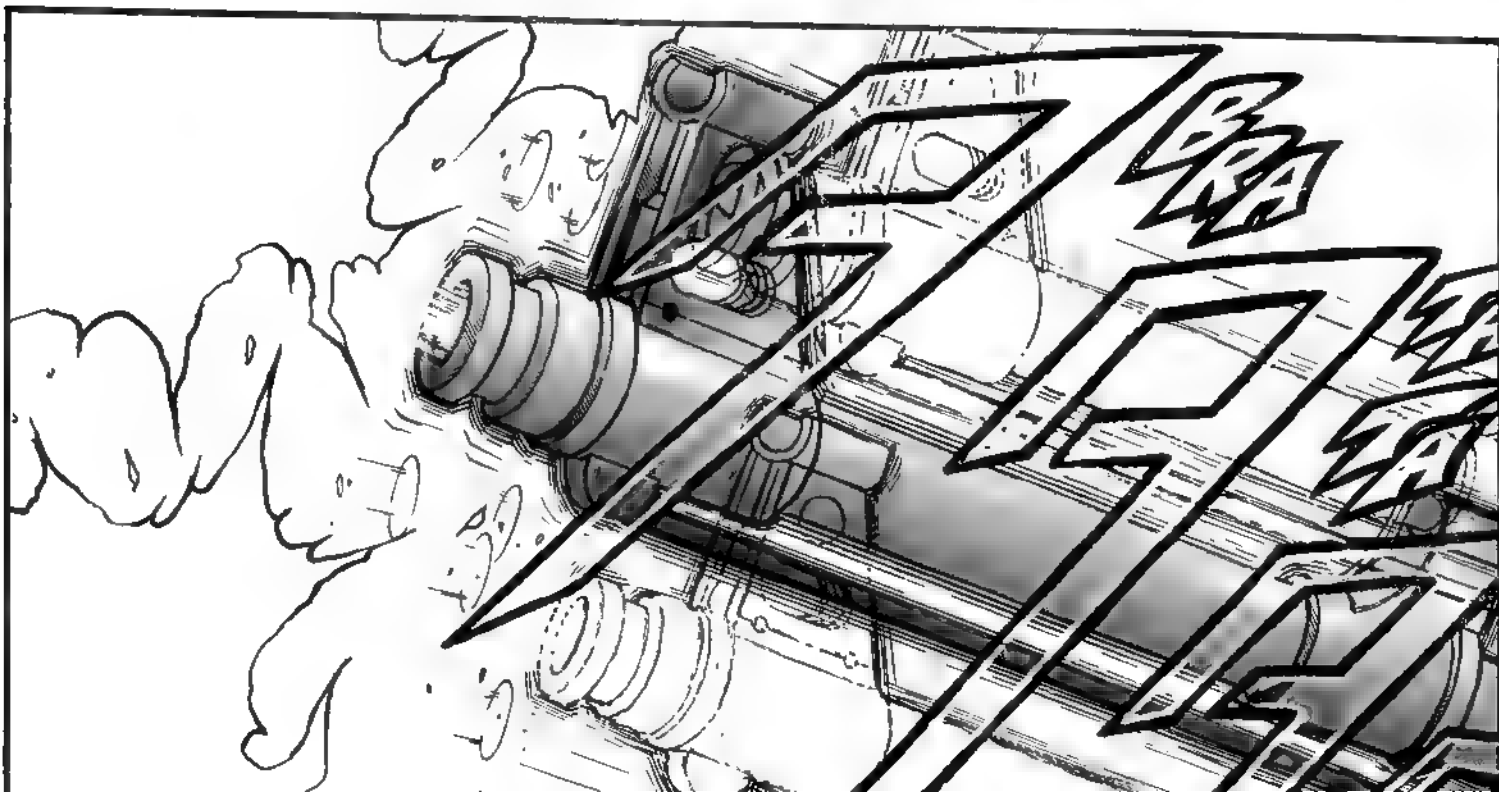


THAT  
WAS WHEN  
THEIR UNHOLY  
ENCOUNTER  
TOOK  
PLACE...

MY  
MOTHER,  
JANE.

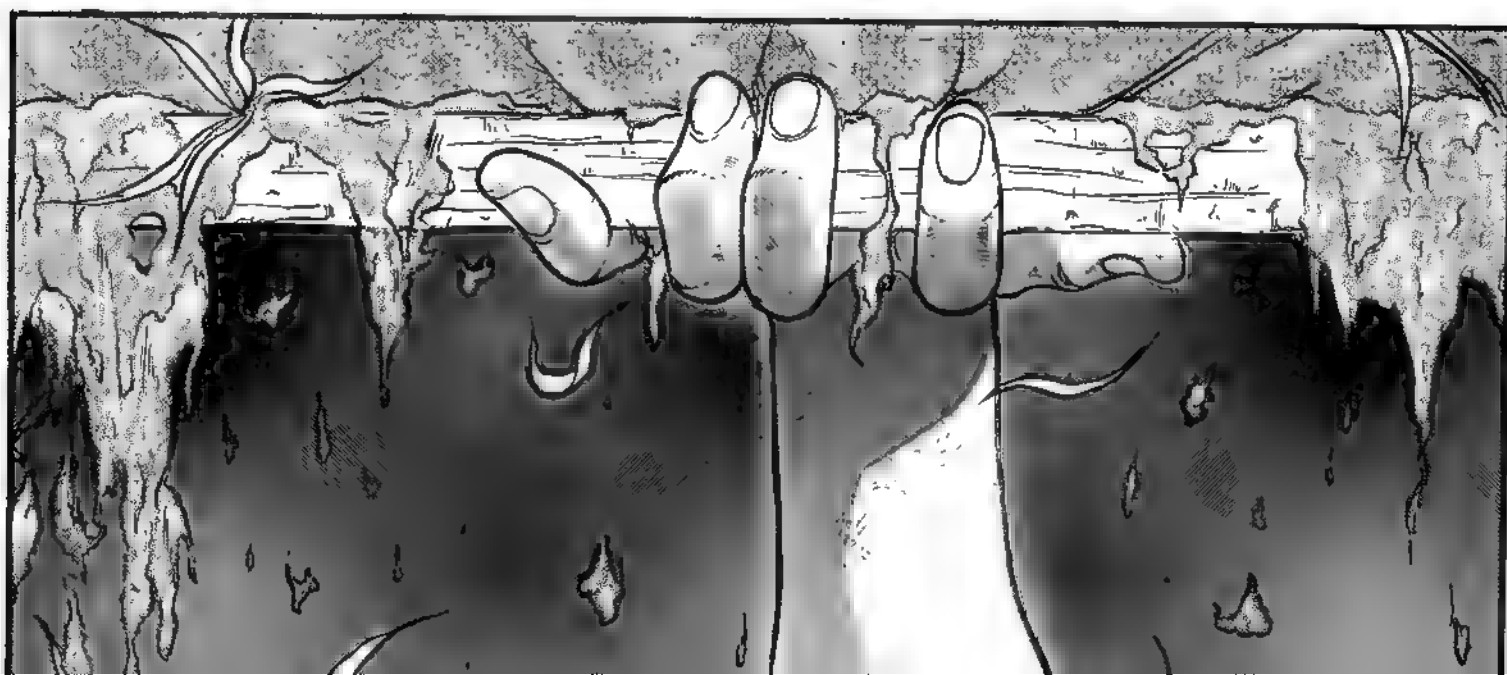
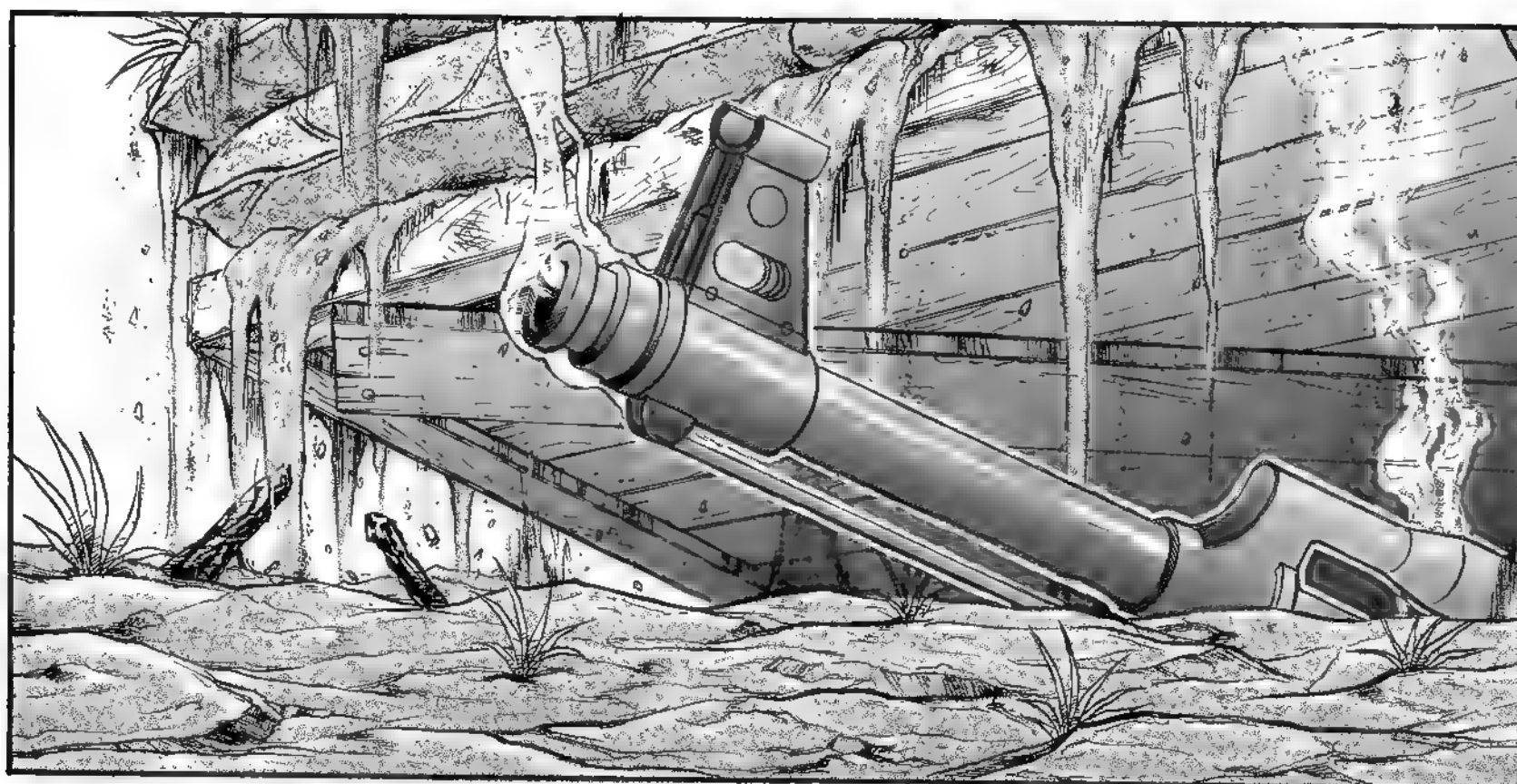




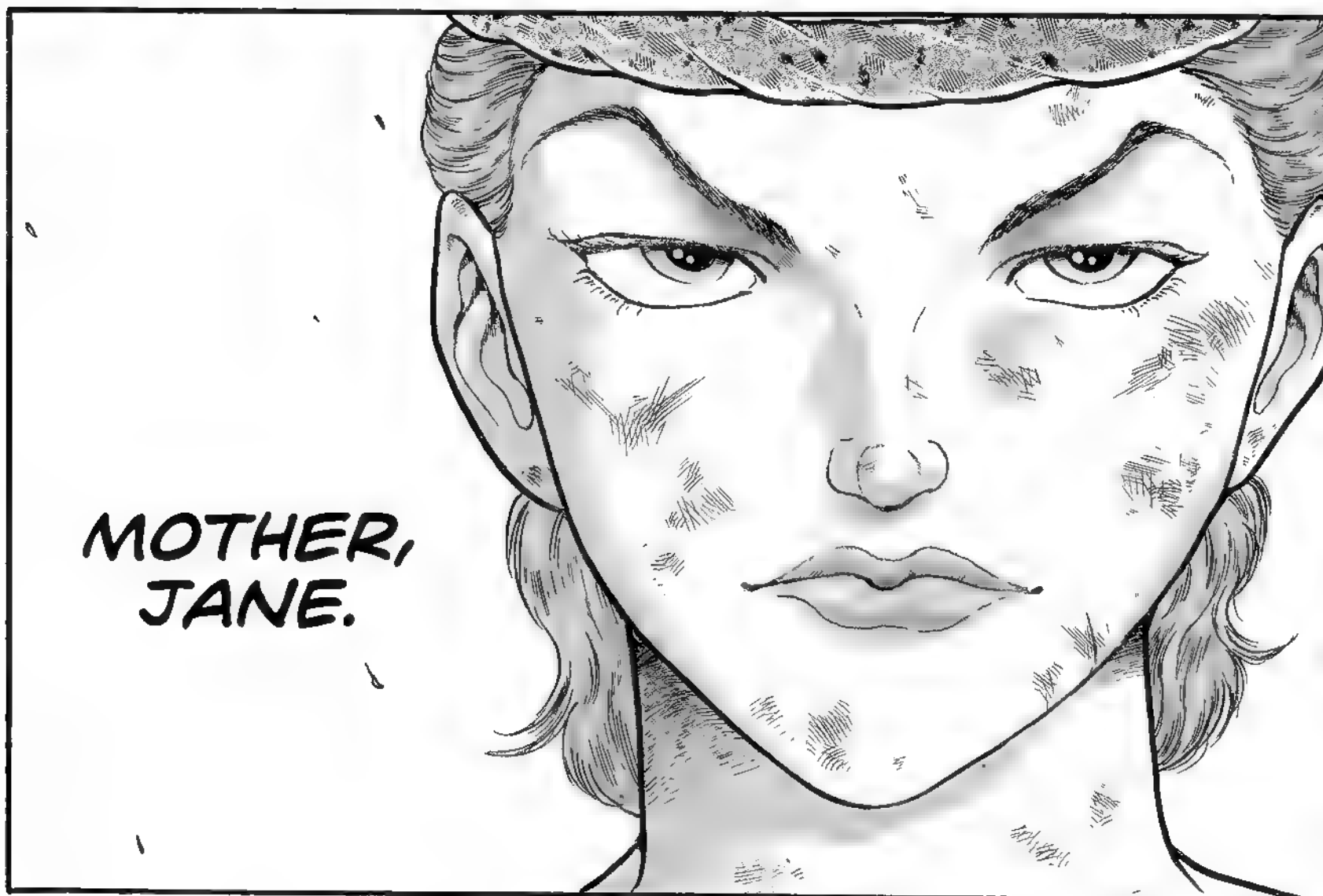
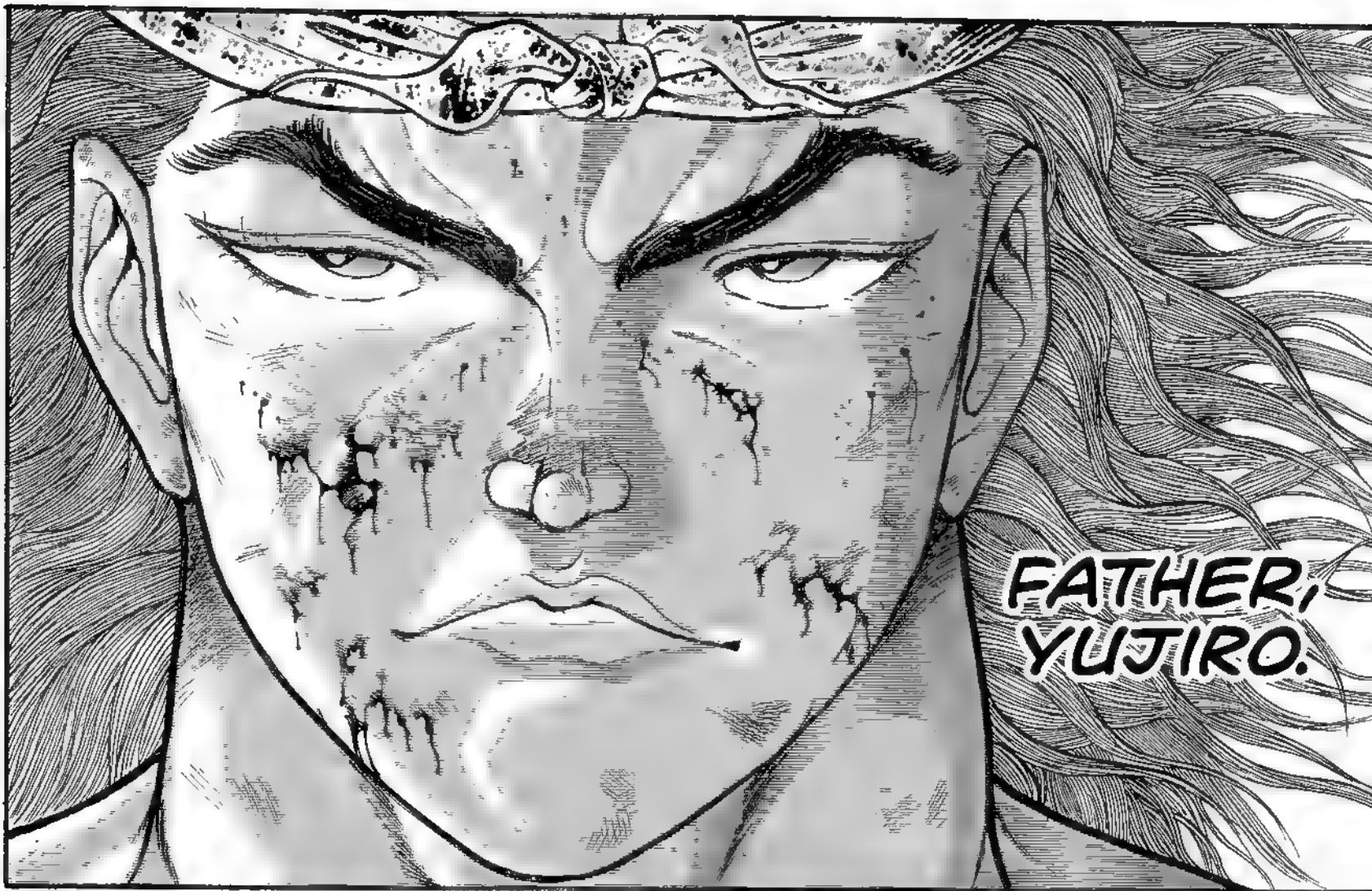








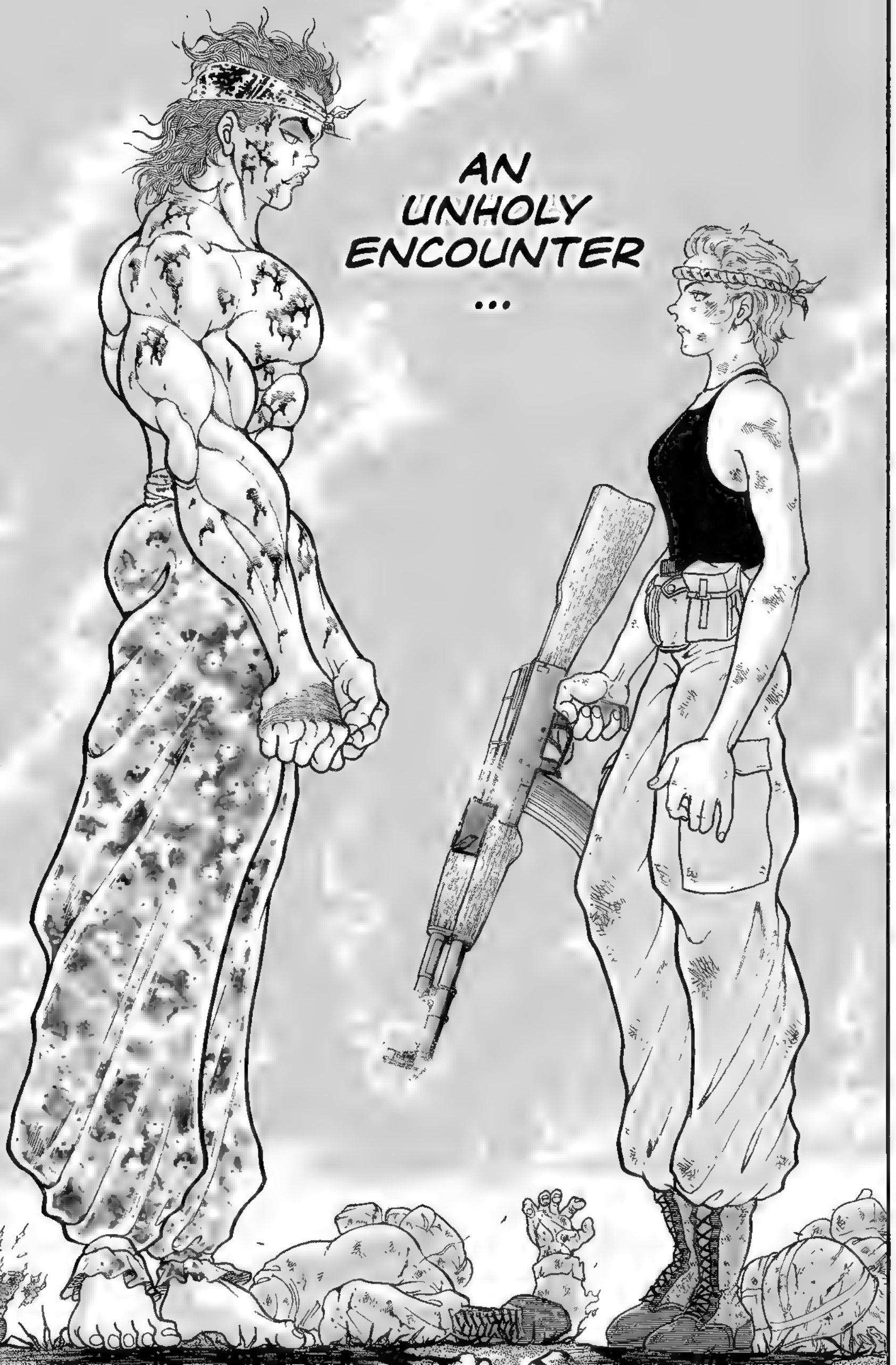


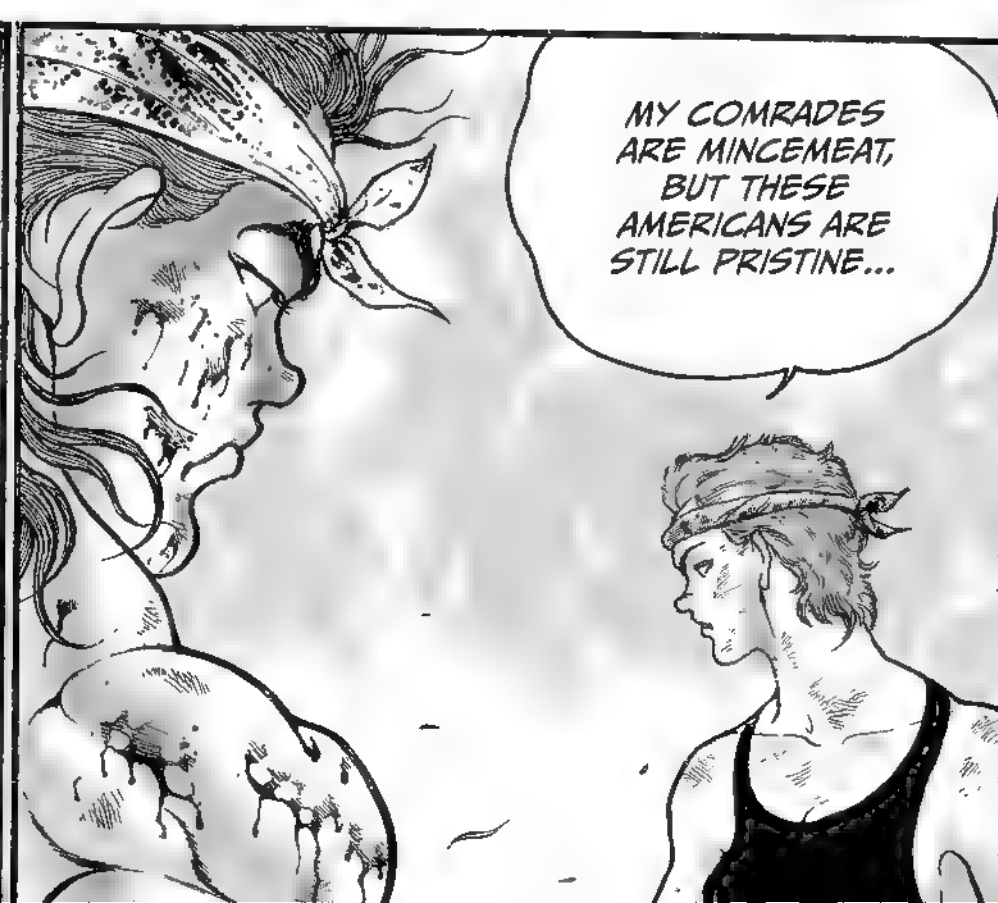




**AN  
UNHOLY  
ENCOUNTER**

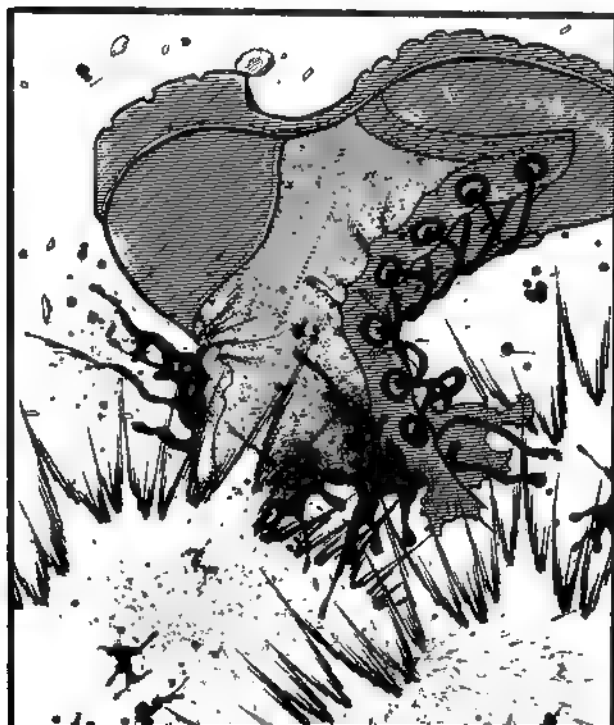
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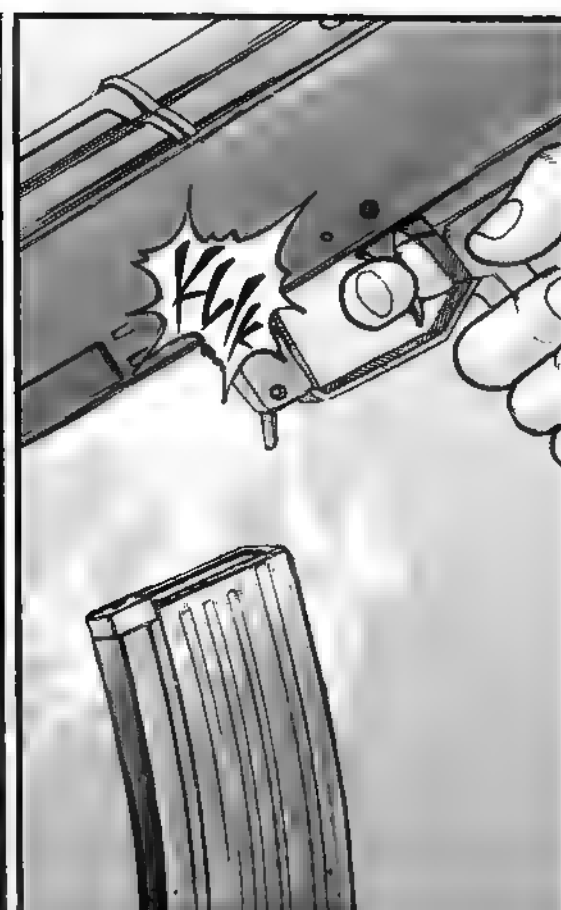


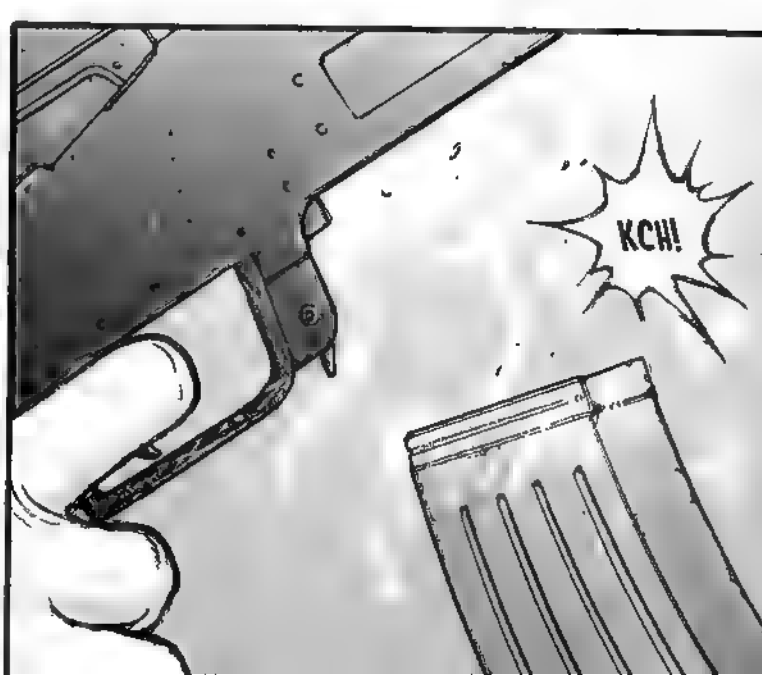
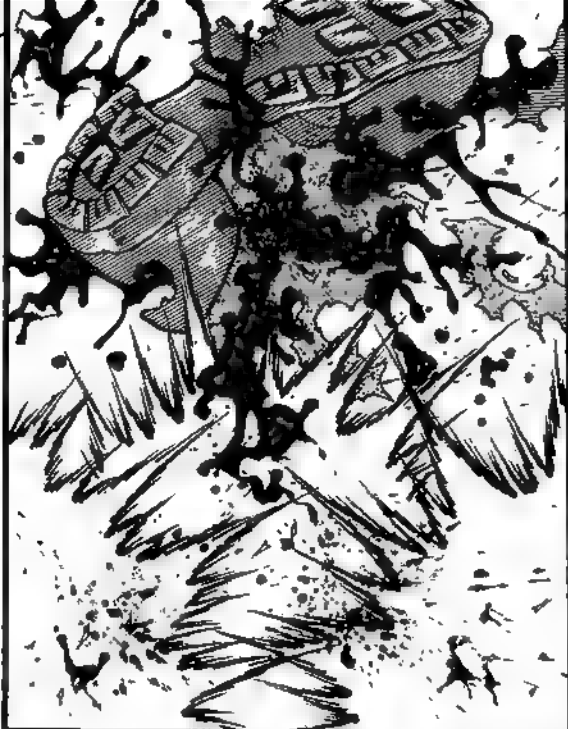
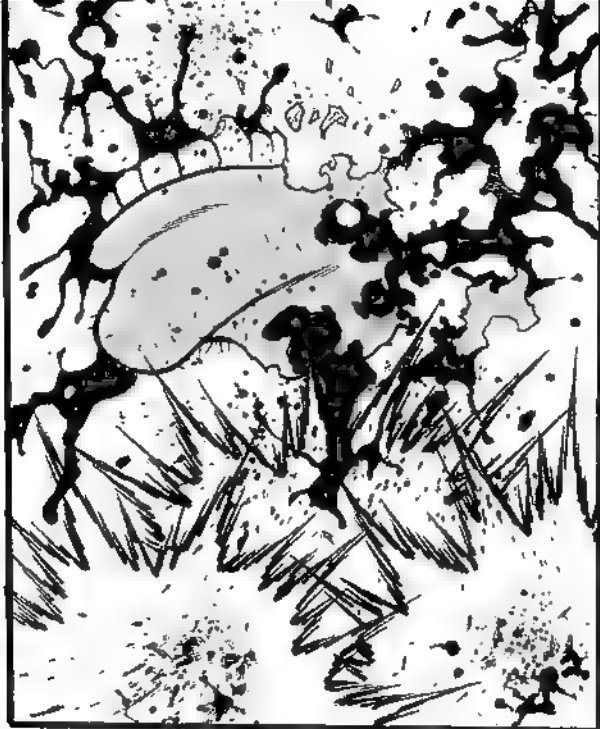








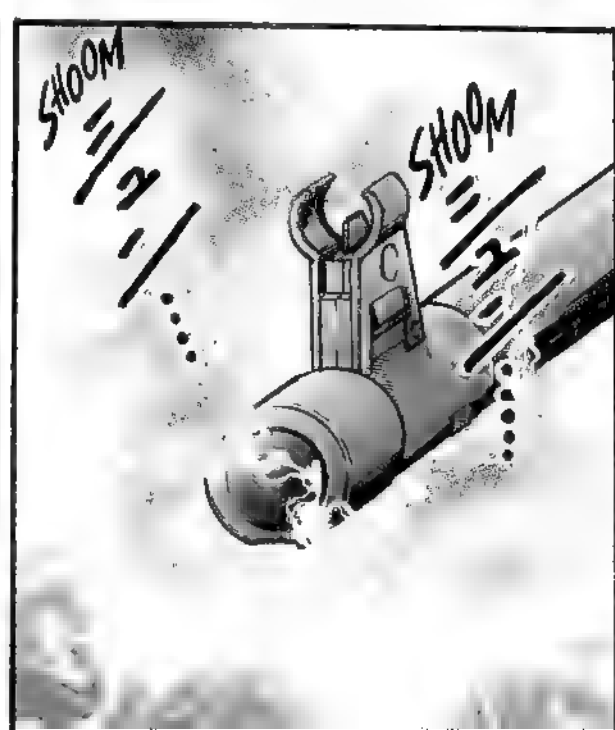
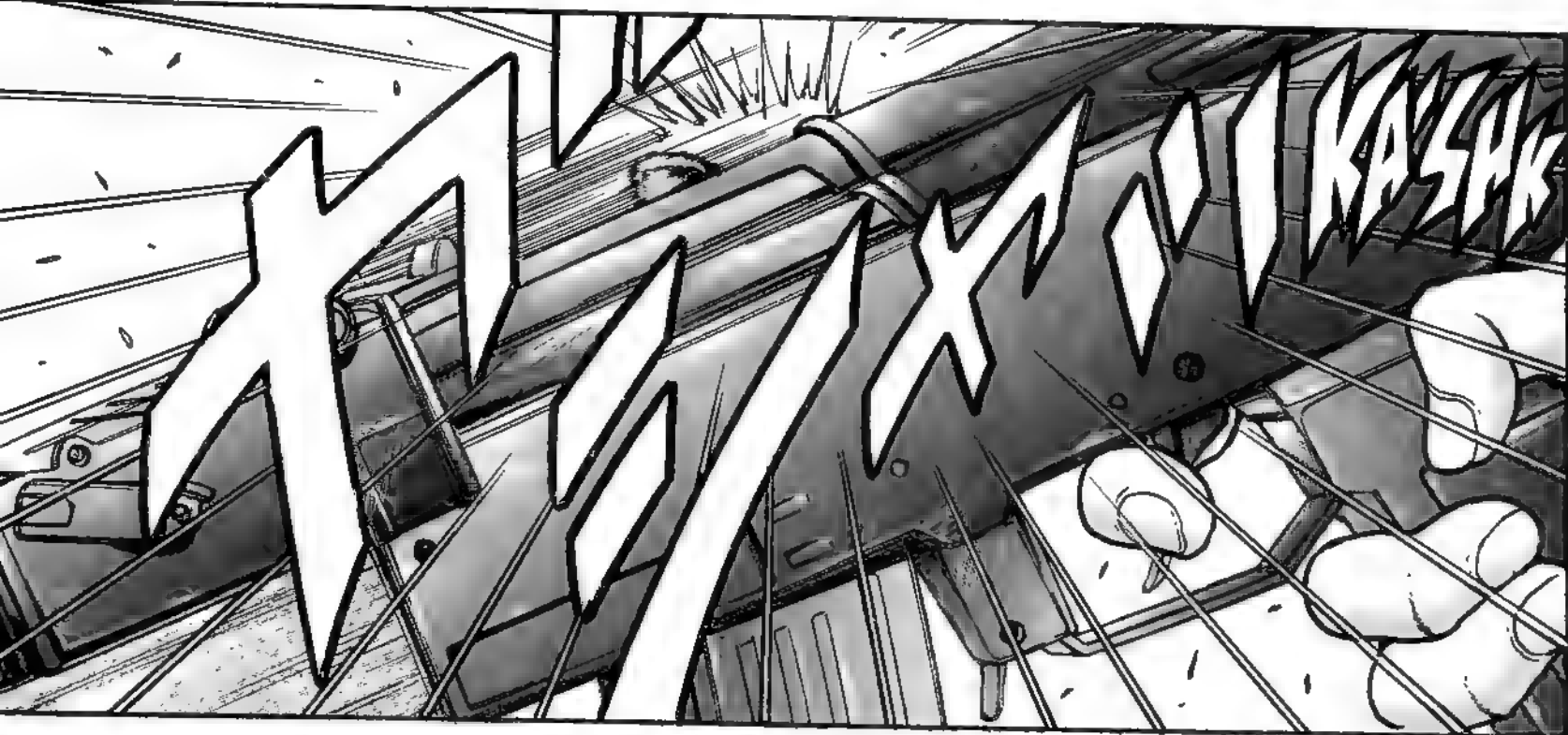






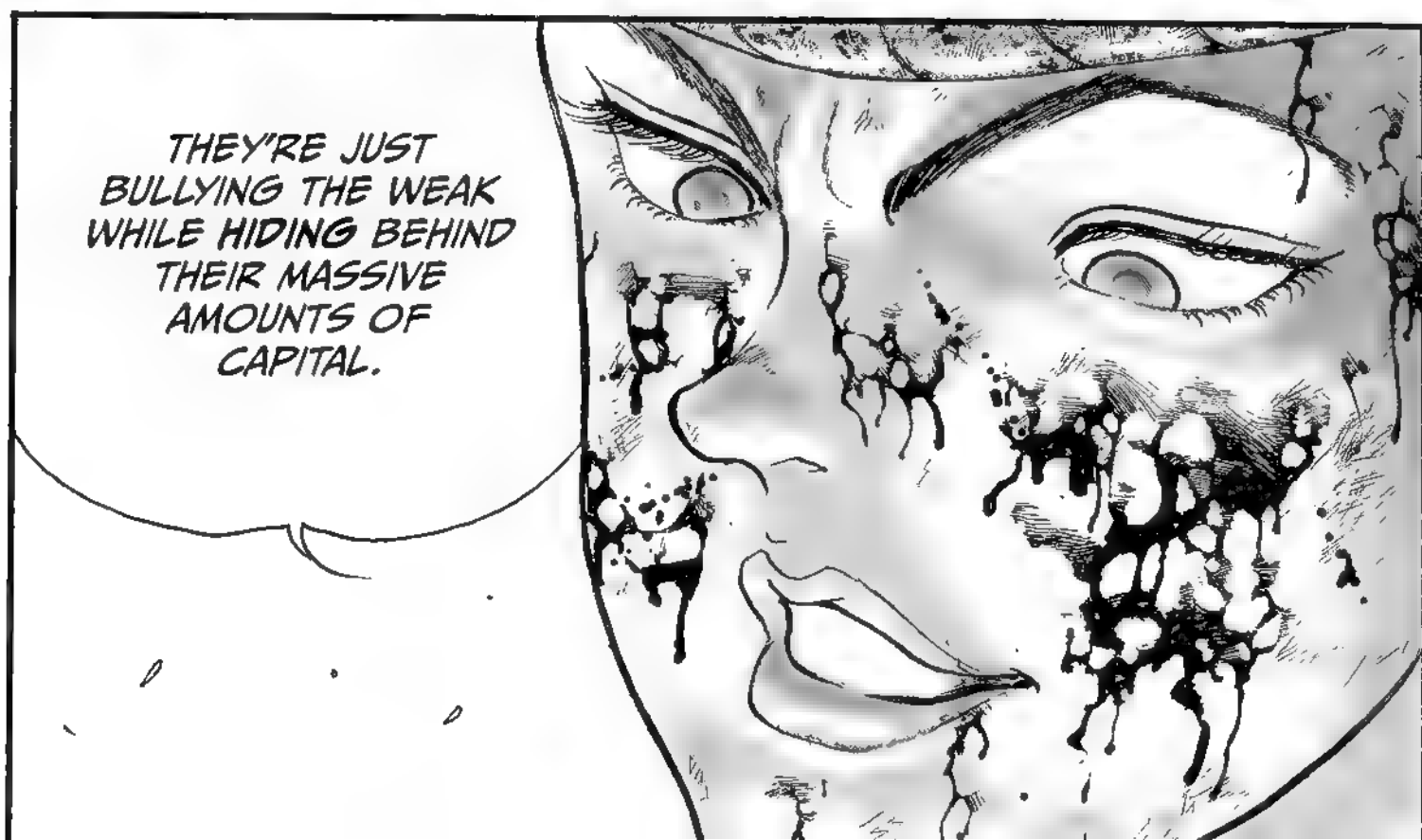


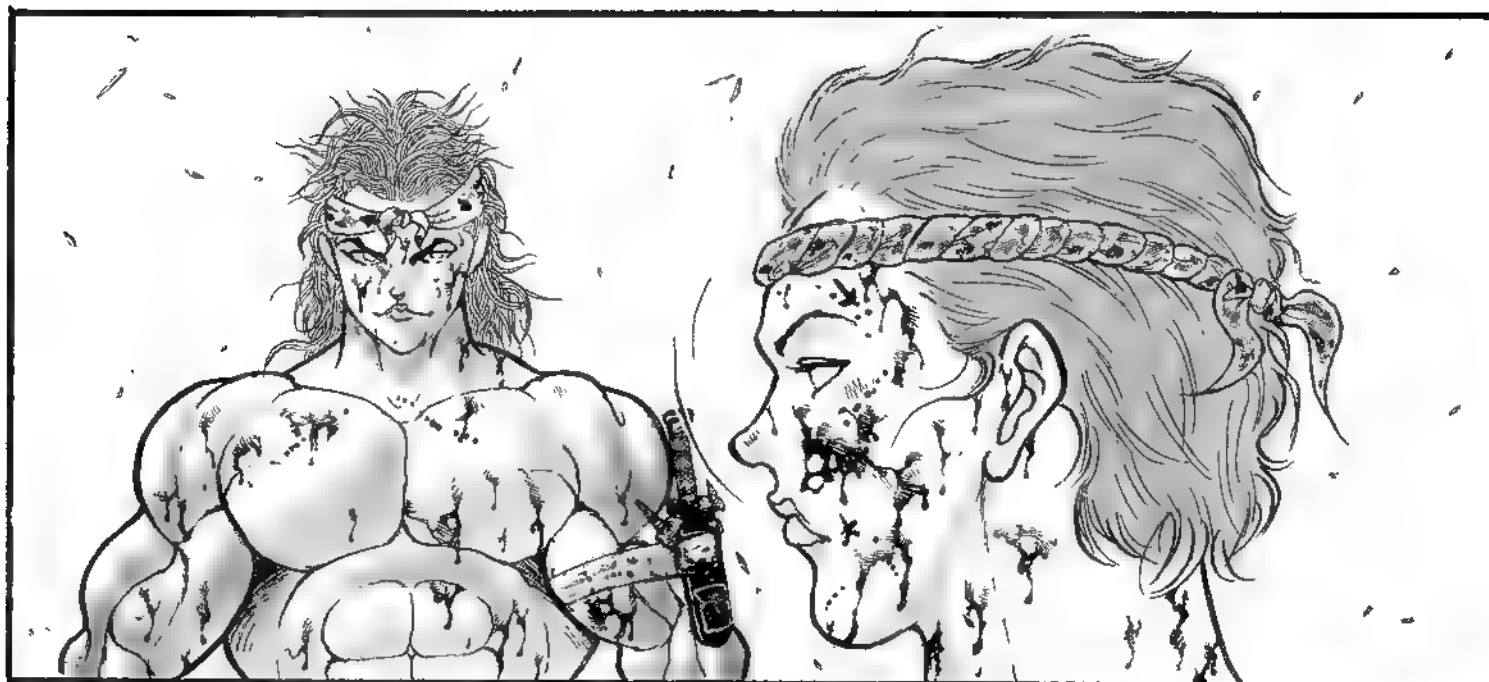














BUT WHO  
WOULD'VE  
GUESSED  
YOU'RE JUST  
A BOY?





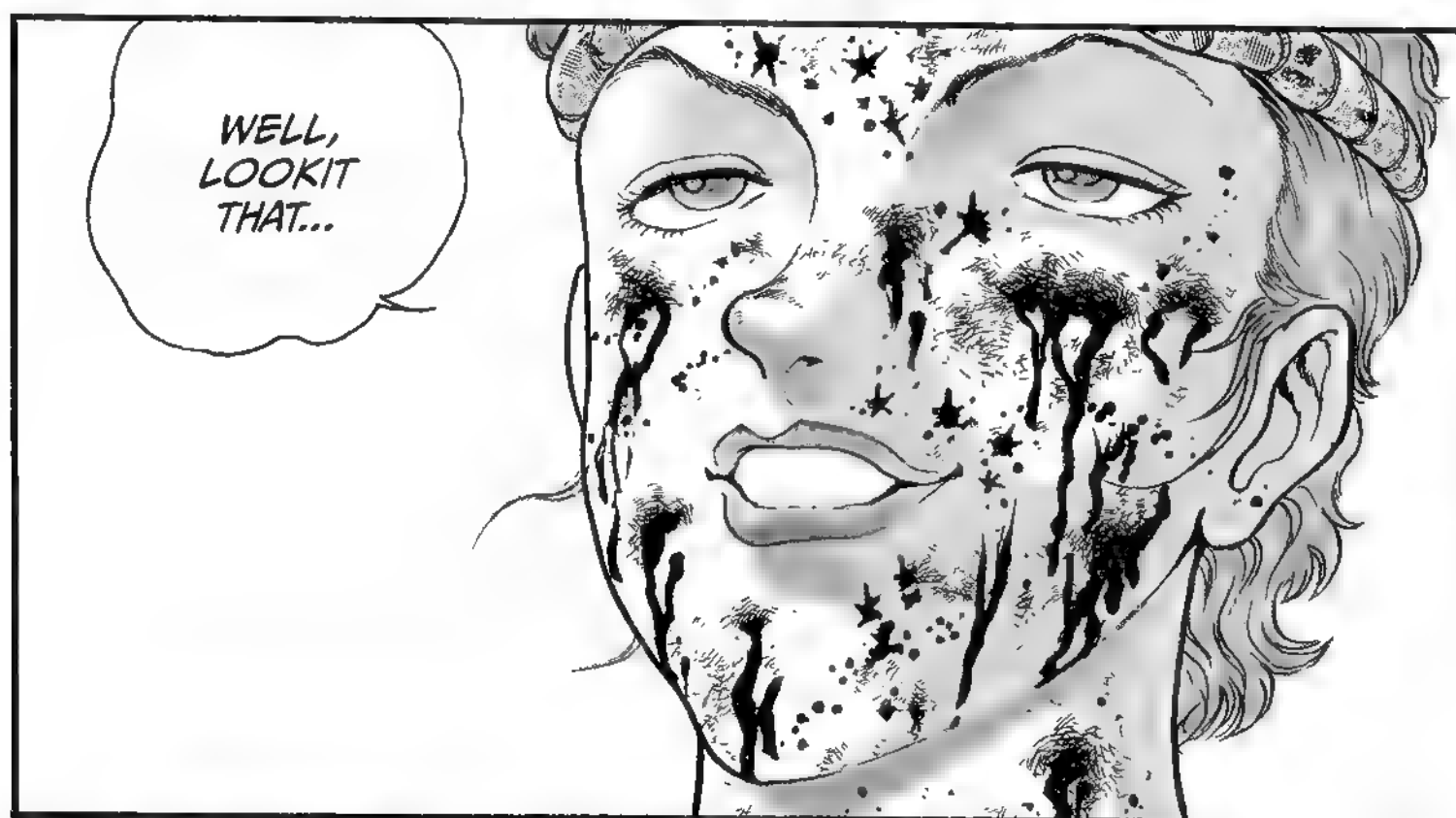
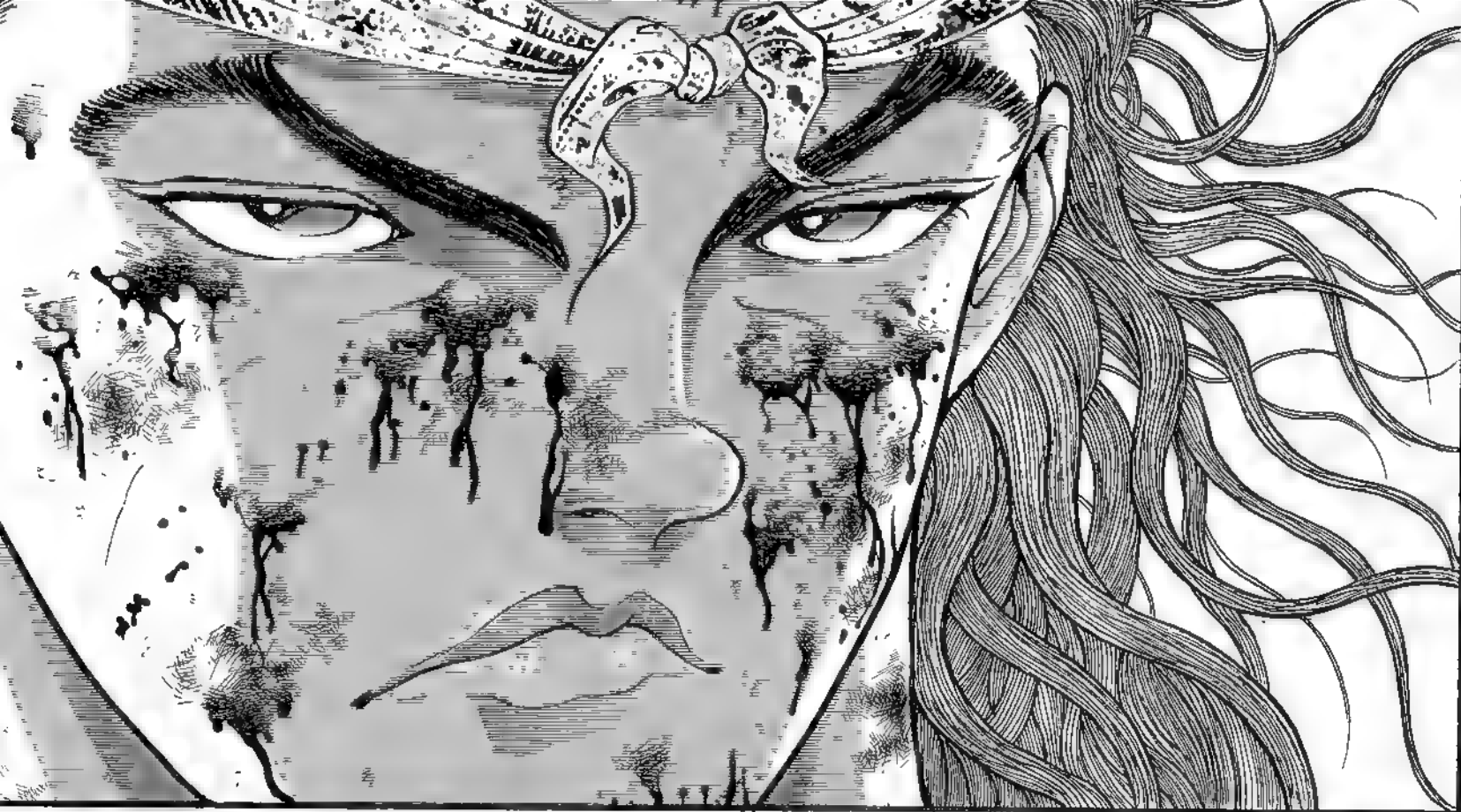
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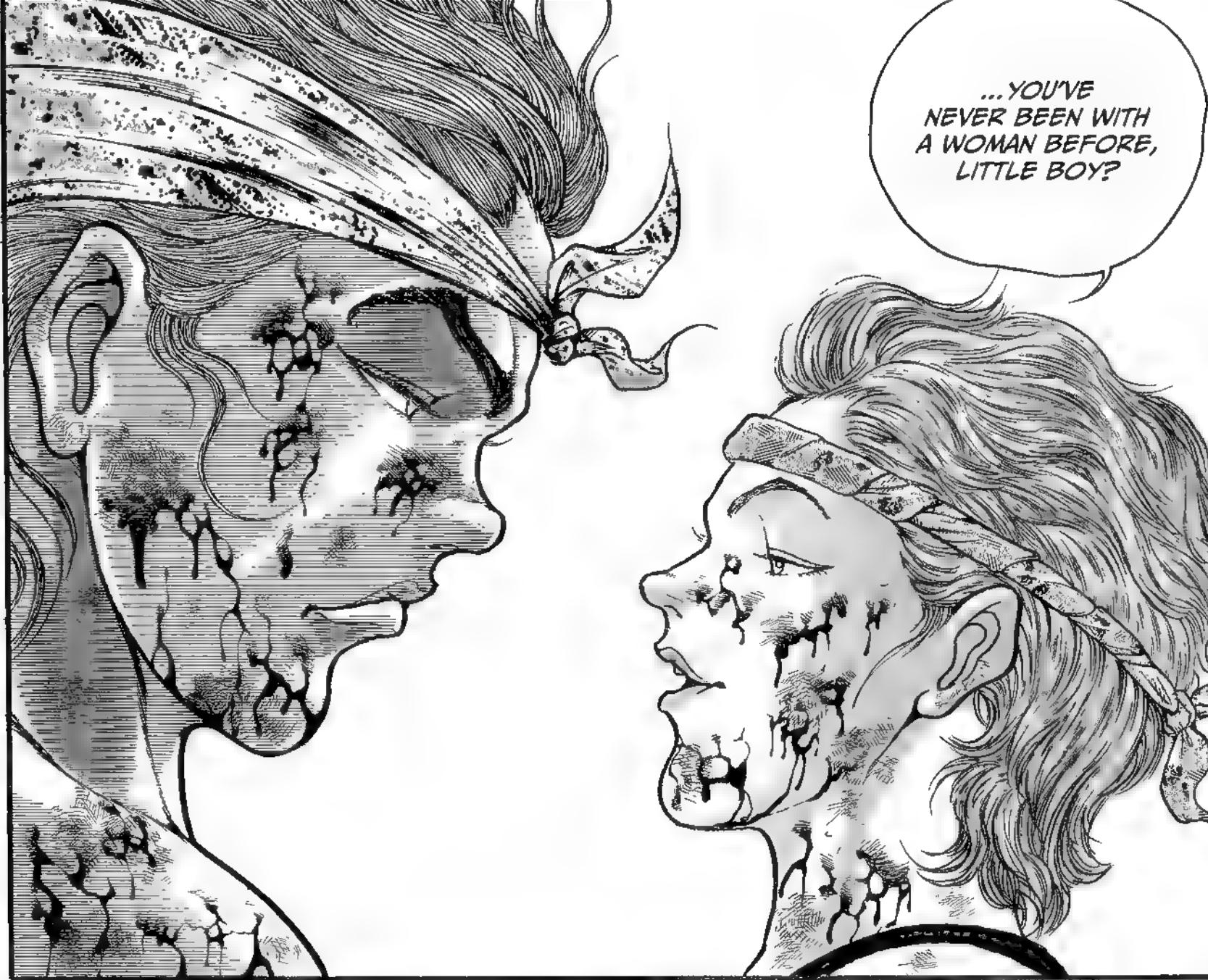




WANNA  
FUCK RIGHT  
HERE?







...YOU'VE  
NEVER BEEN WITH  
A WOMAN BEFORE,  
LITTLE BOY?

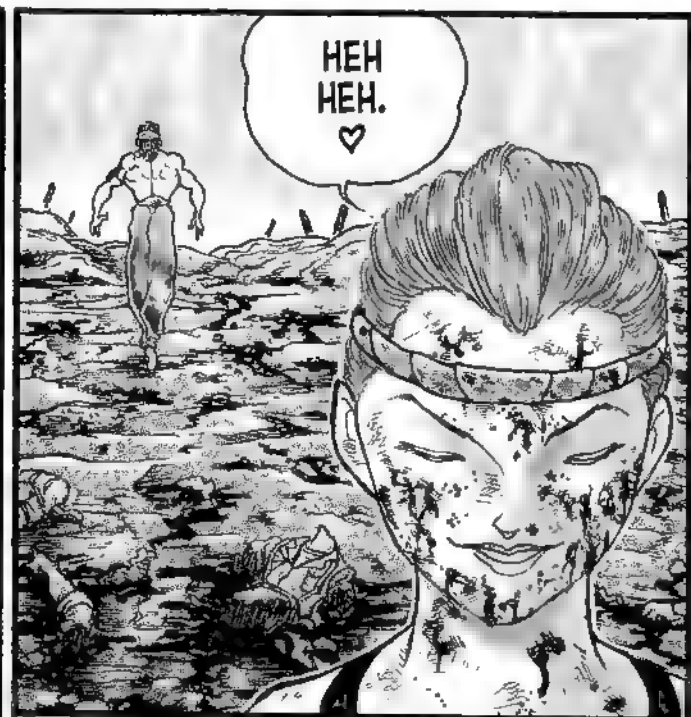
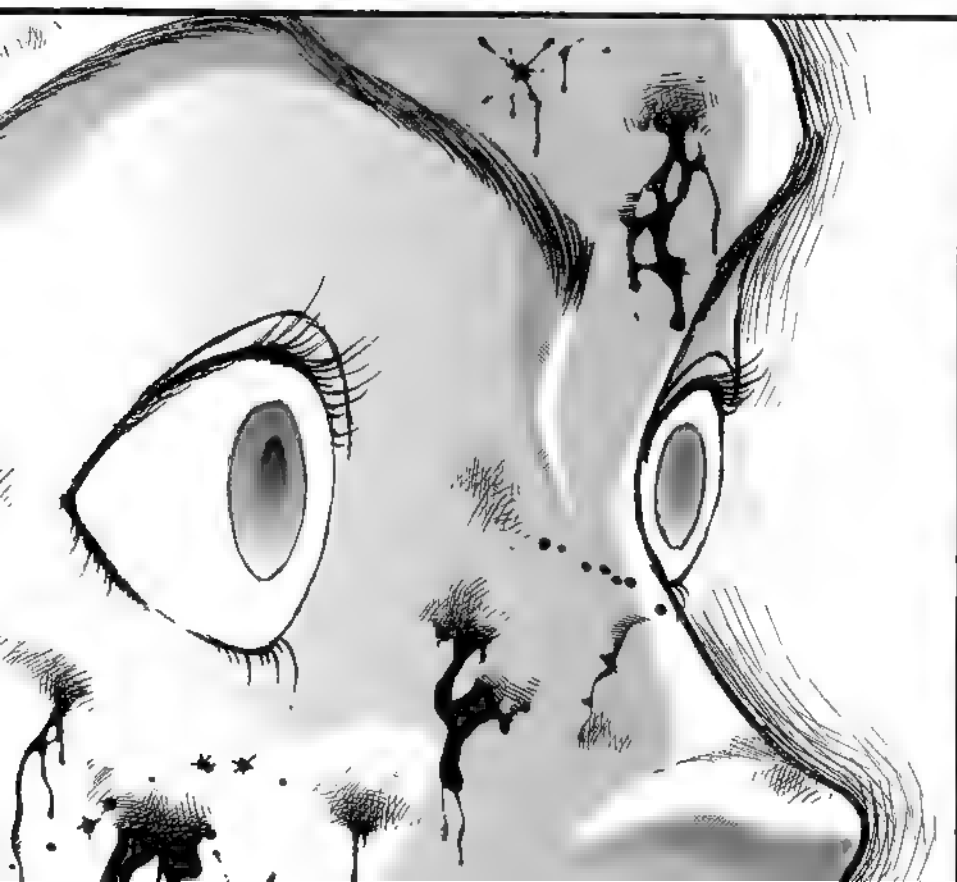
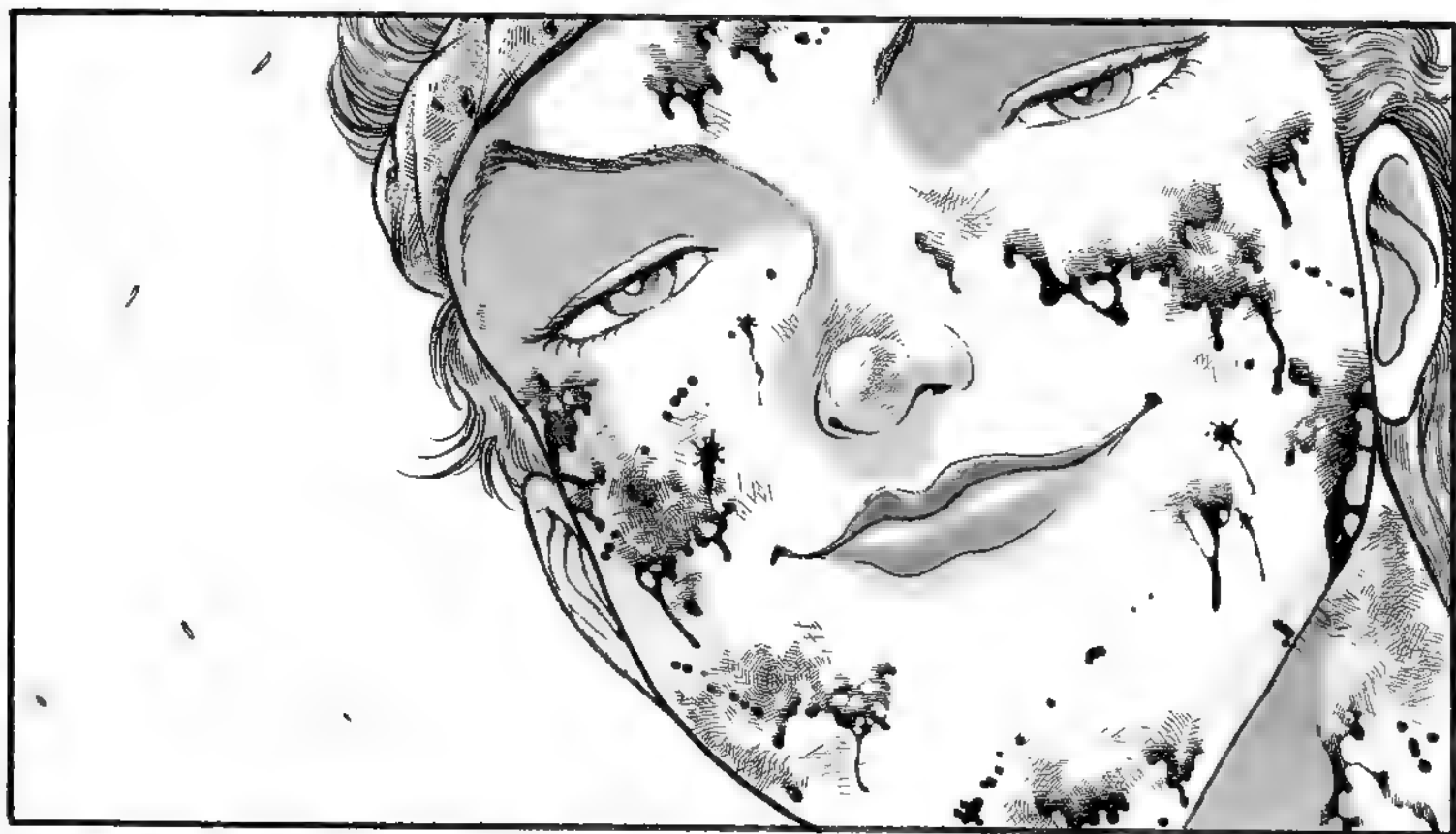


LOOKS  
LIKE I HIT  
THE NAIL ON  
THE HEAD.

H...  
H...  
H...







**WANT ME  
TO TEAR THE  
SKIN CLEAN  
OFF YOUR  
SKULL?**



YOU  
DON'T GET  
TO PICK  
ME.

...!

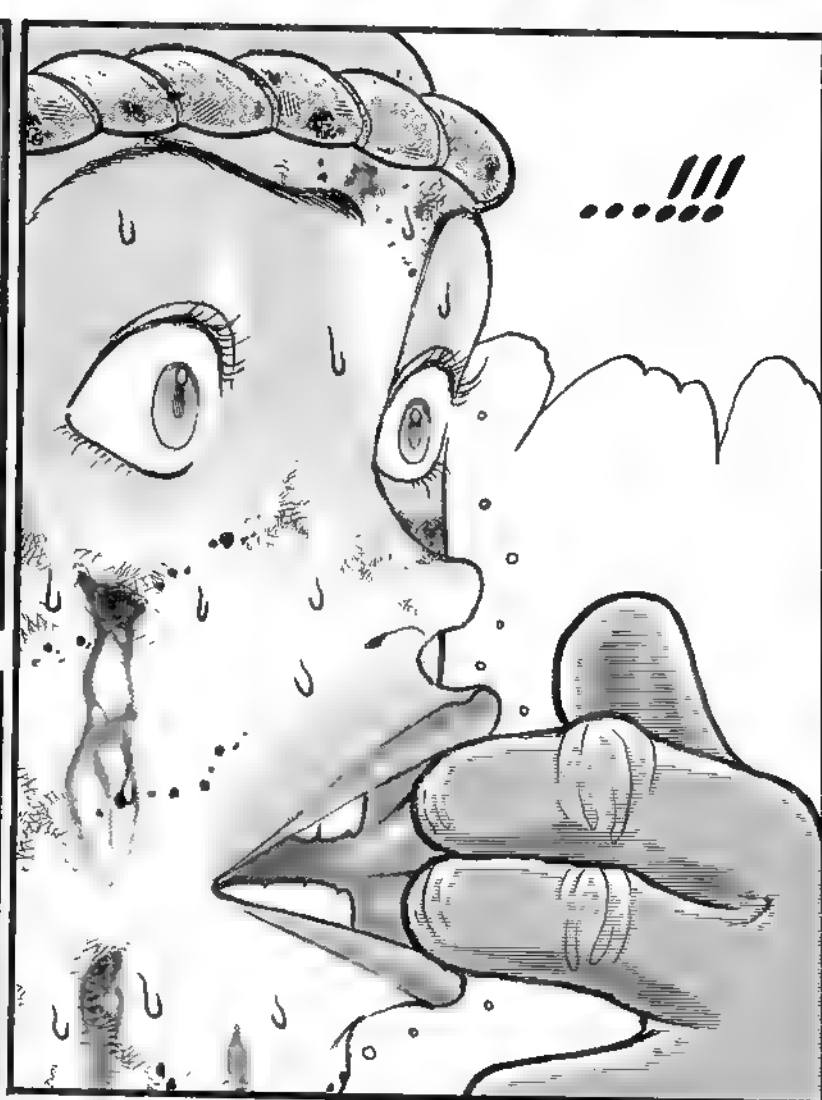
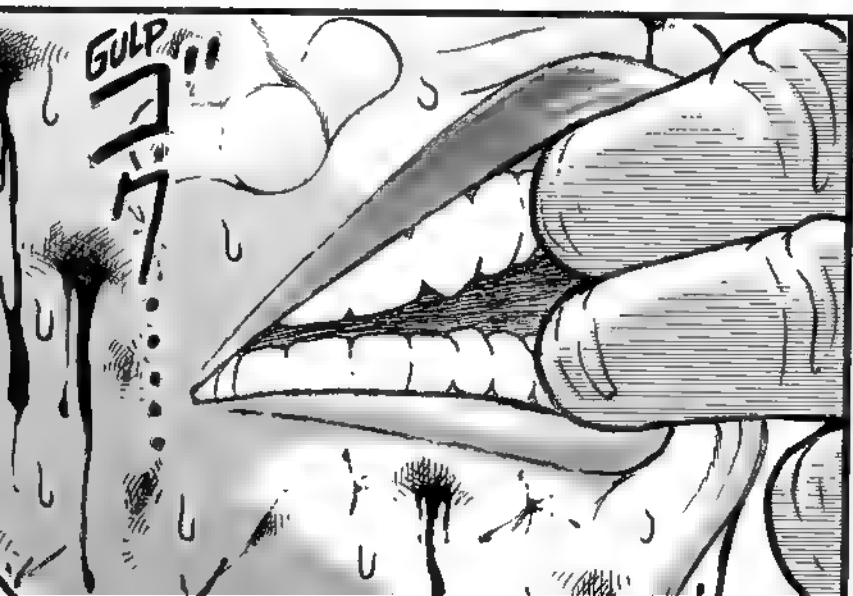
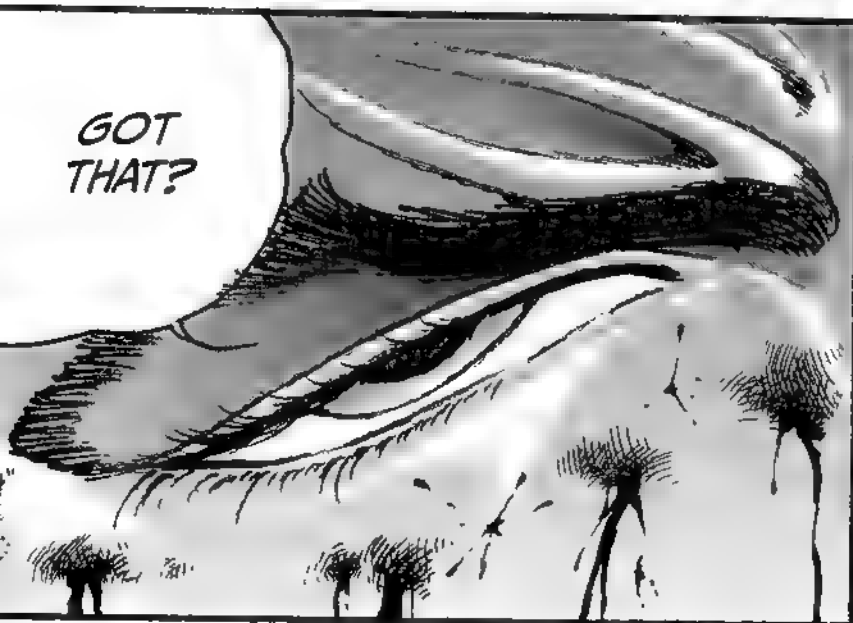




IF YOU'RE  
WORTHY OF BEING  
FUCKED, THEN I'LL  
FUCK YOU WITH  
OR WITHOUT  
YOUR INPUT...



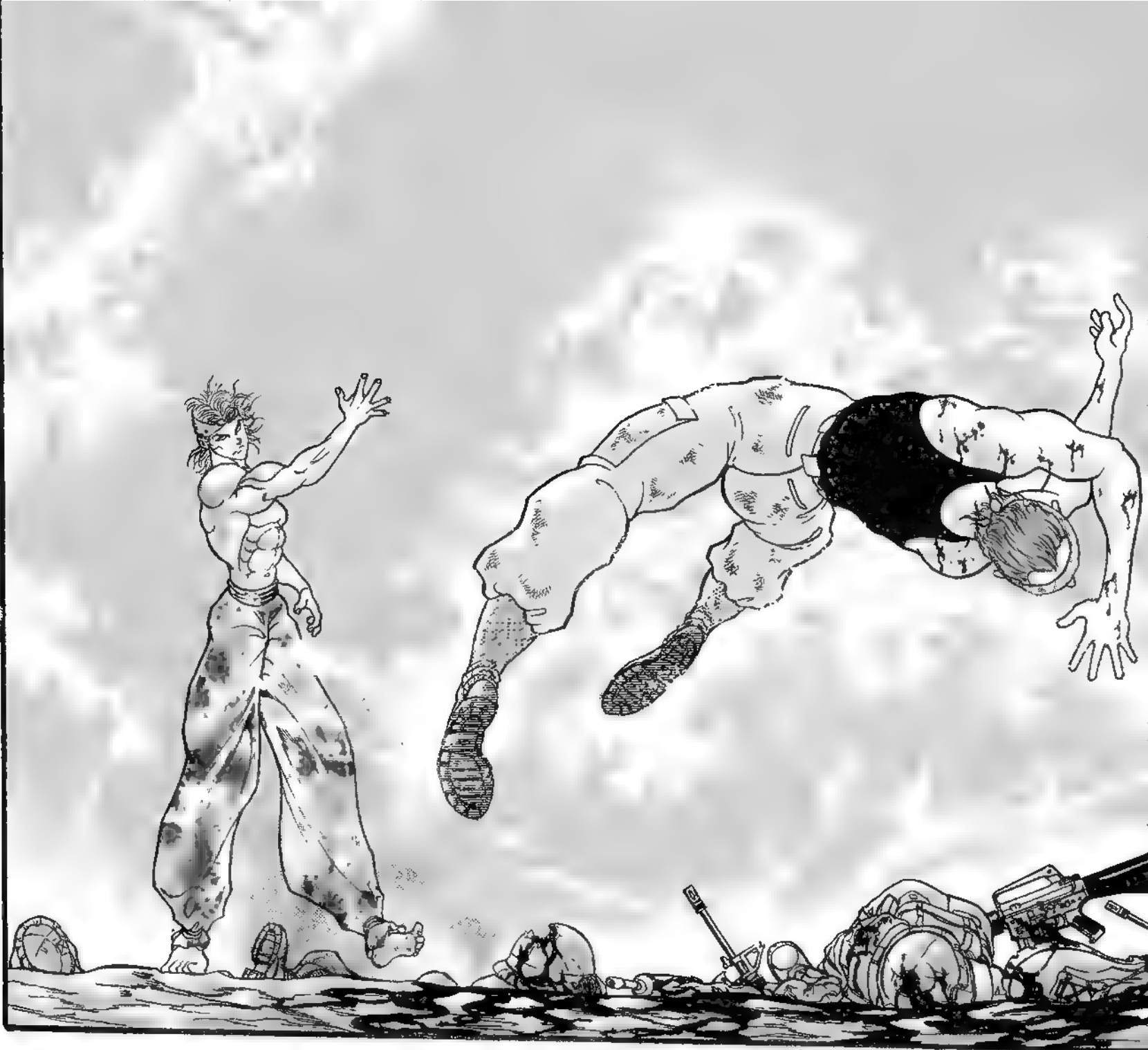
GOT  
THAT?

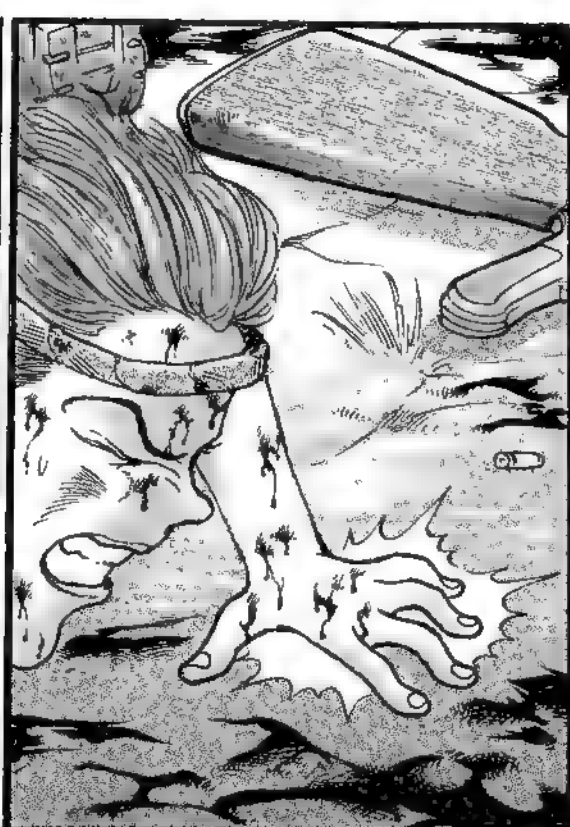
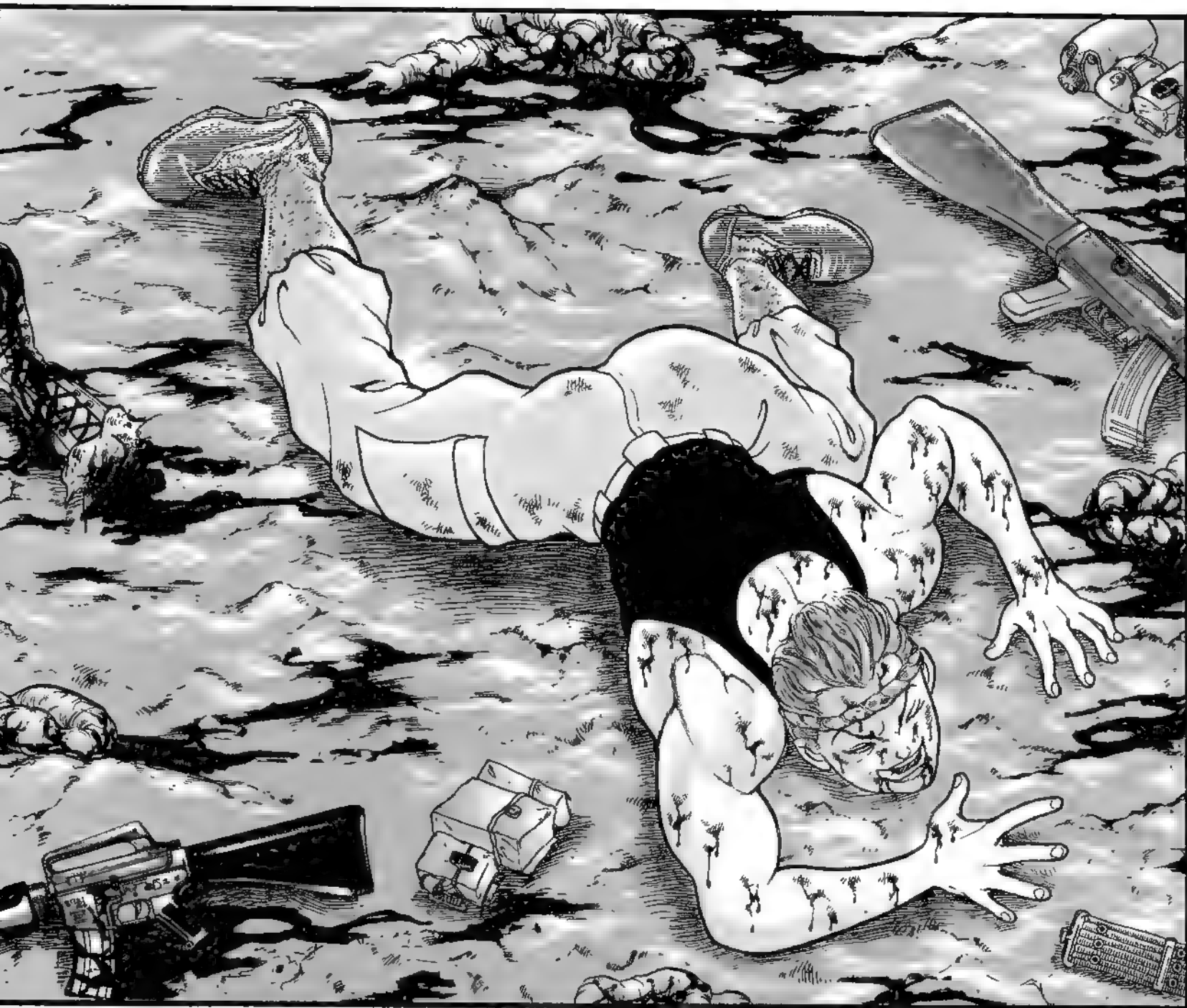






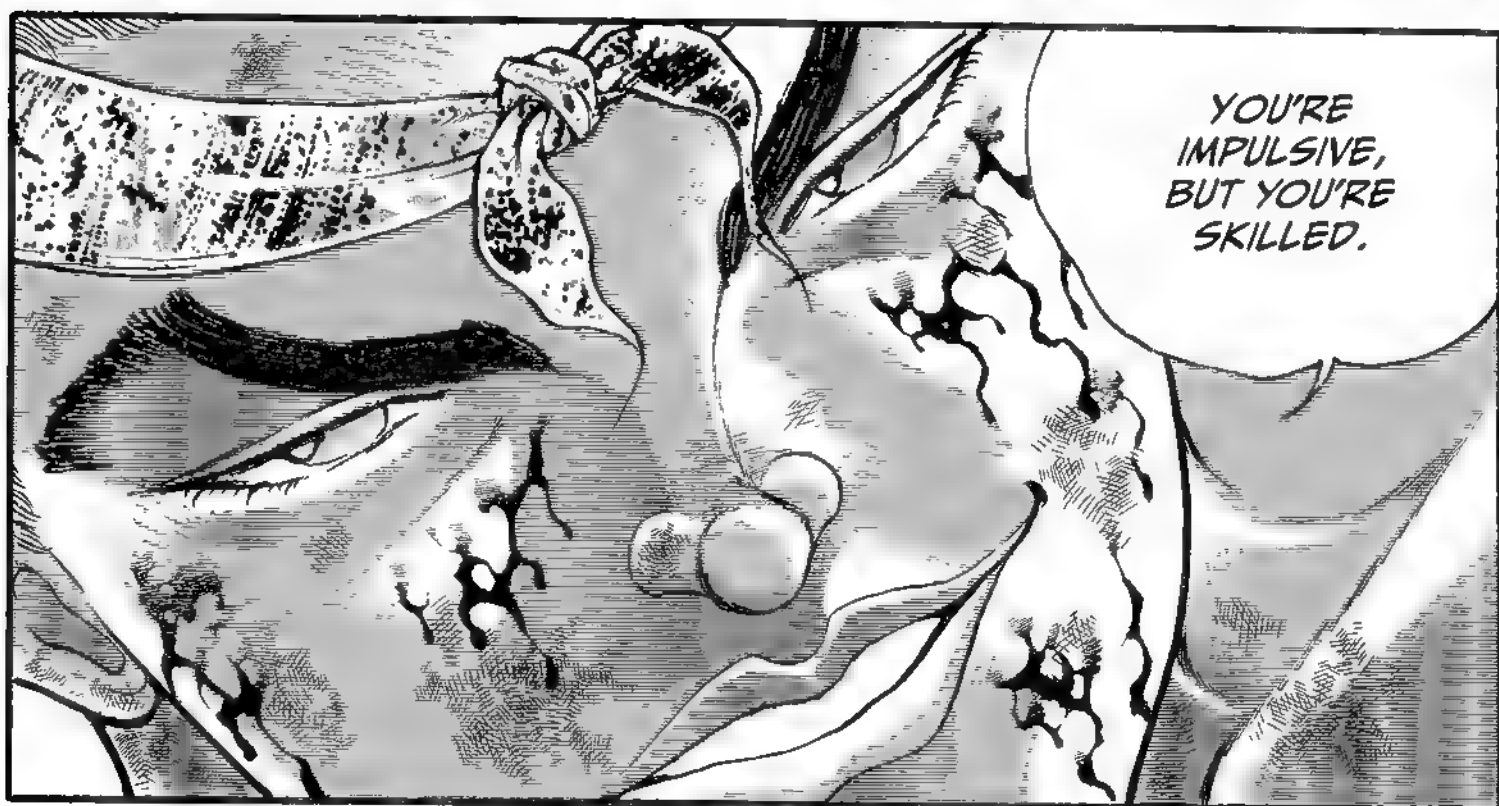


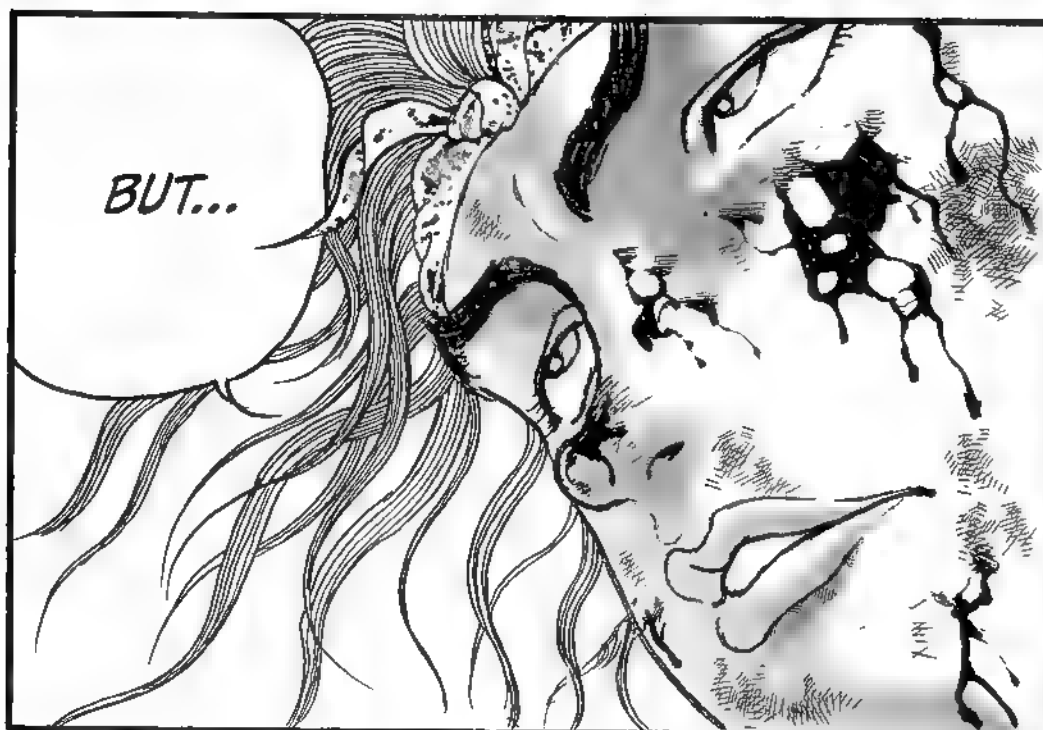






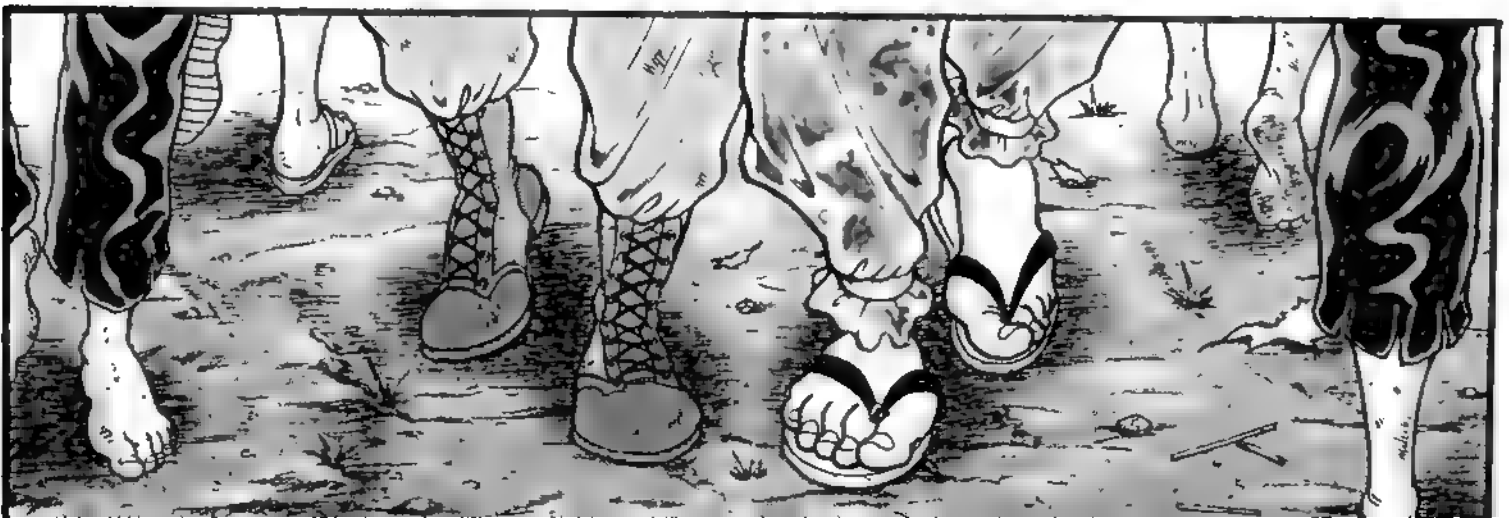


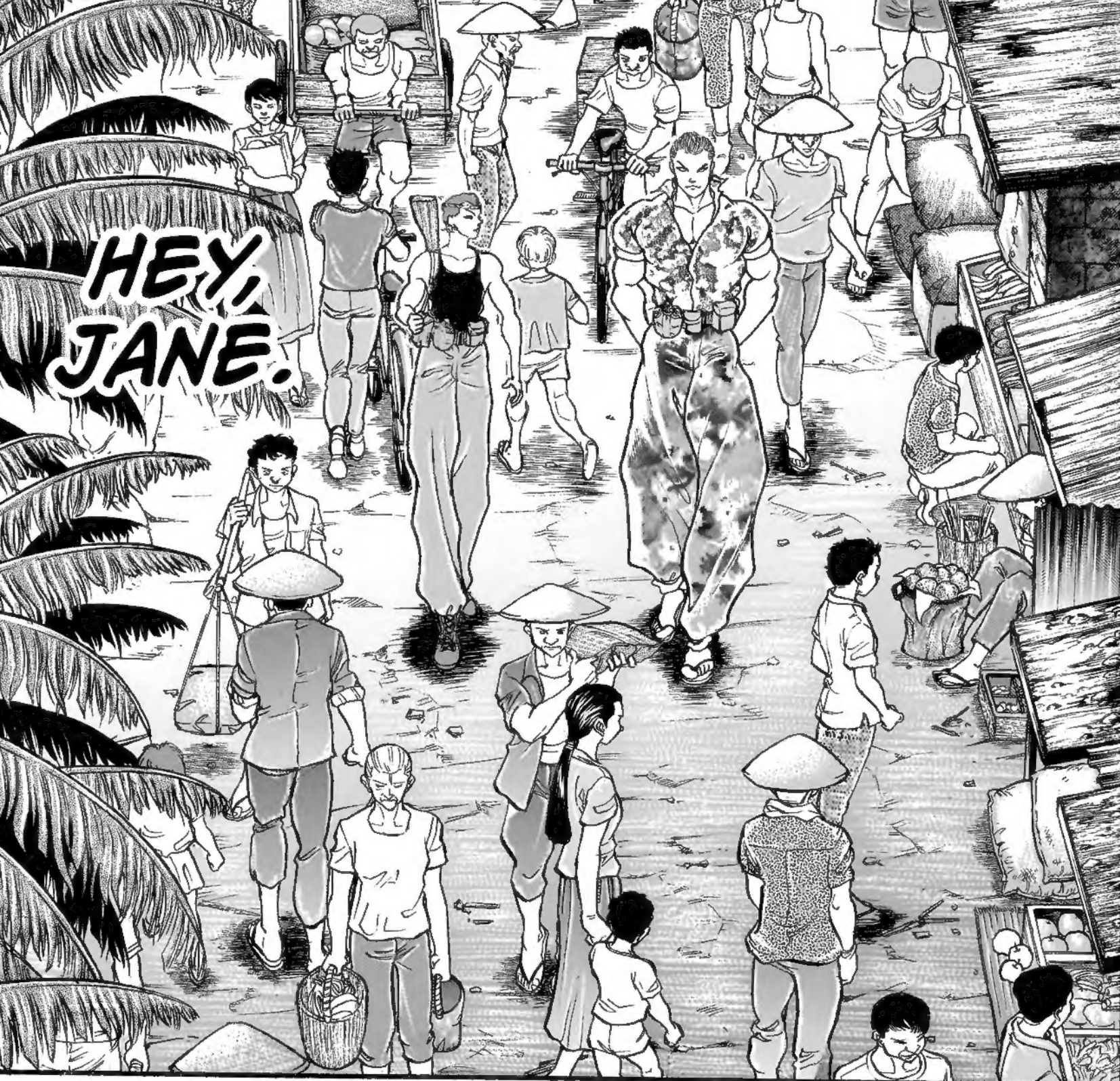












HEY,  
JANE.



...WHERE  
YOU CAN LET  
PERSONAL  
FEELINGS  
DICTATE YOUR  
ACTIONS.



THIS  
ISN'T A  
BUSINESS  
...



YOU LIKE  
THESE GUYS?

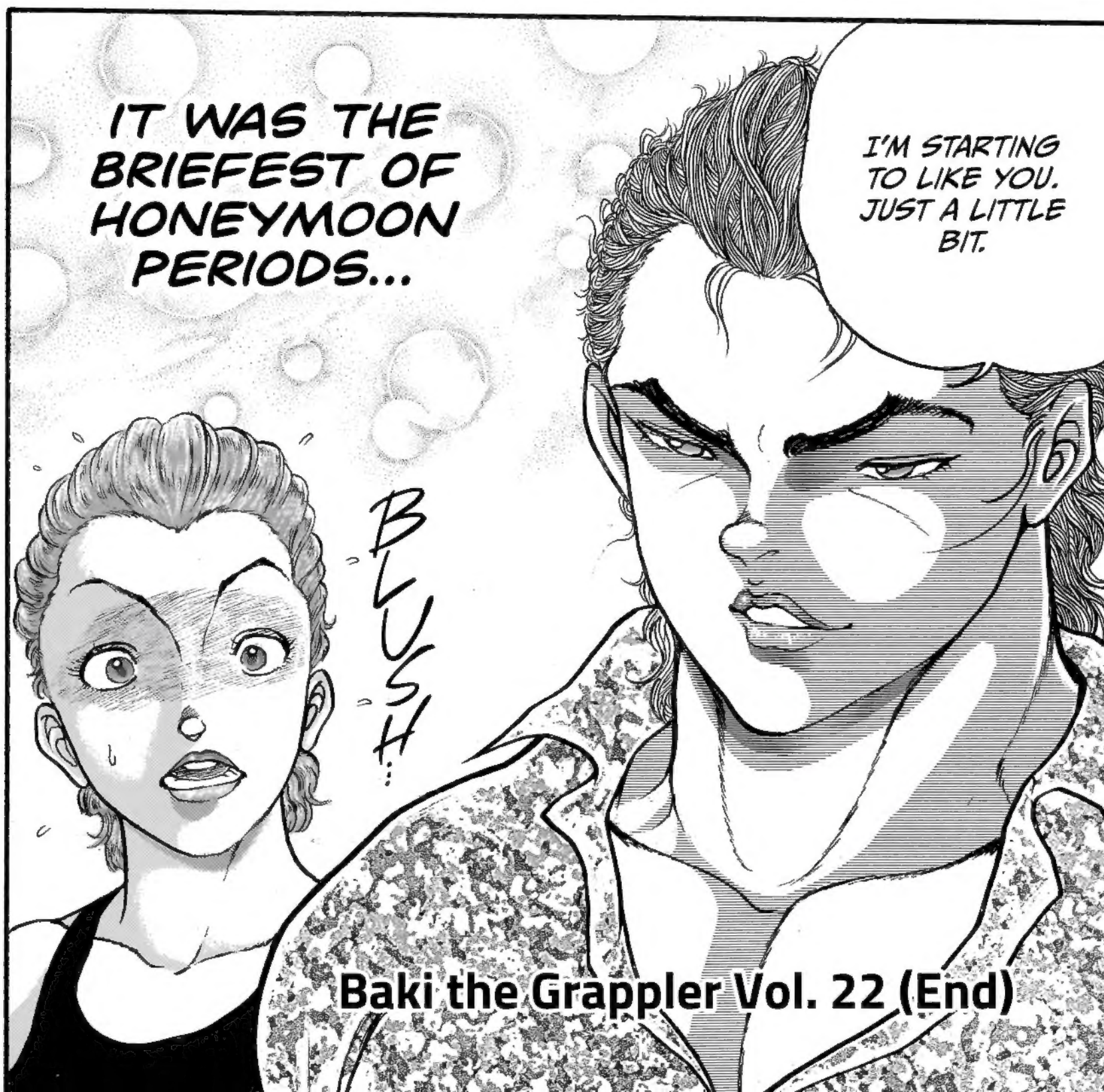




WHAT  
ABOUT  
YOU?



BUT I DO  
KNOW THAT  
I CAN'T STAND  
MEN WHO ONLY  
PICK FIGHTS  
THAT THEY  
KNOW THEY  
CAN WIN...!!!



IT WAS THE  
BRIEFEST OF  
HONEYMOON  
PERIODS...

I'M STARTING  
TO LIKE YOU.  
JUST A LITTLE  
BIT.

BLUSH

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